



## Tips for Planning Your Move

### Moving

- Make a reservation for movers three or four weeks before your move day.
- Check owner's manuals for large appliances to see if there are special instructions for moving them.
- Keep in mind that a moving company can't transport ammunition, explosives or flammable materials such as gasoline and bottled gases.
- Pack a box of essential items that you will need immediately after the move and make sure it's the last thing loaded onto the truck.
- Confirm cancellation dates of utility services a week before your move day.
- Mail in your change of address forms at least two weeks ahead of time.
- Clean your stove and defrost the fridge the day before you move out.

### Packing

- Avoid mixing items from different rooms in the same box.
- Pack heavy items in small boxes and lighter items in larger boxes. Remember the heavier the item, the smaller the box.
- Pack important documents separately from other belongings.
- Label all boxes on their top and sides.
- Start packing items you will not need ahead of time.
- Pack and unpack breakables over a padded surface.
- Plates should be packed on end vertically, rather than placed flat and stacked.
- Remove light bulbs before packing your lamps.