AAA's Ultimate Moving Checklist

#### 6 - 8 Weeks Before Your Move

While it's not necessary to plan your move this far in advance, it is the best time to begin planning to alleviate the stress of last minute packing and potential unavailability of the moving date you desire.

- Create a space where you can store and organize packing supplies and packed boxes.
- Group empty boxes by size for easy access.
- □ Whether it's renting a car, scheduling a flight or reserving a hotel room, now is the time to make travel arrangements as needed.
- Contact your insurance agent to transfer medical, property, fire and auto insurance.
- Return anything you have borrowed from friends or neighbors and make sure to ask for your things back.
- □ Create a designated folder for moving-related expenses. This is handy as moving expenses are tax deductible. For further instructions, refer to aaamoversinc.com.
- □ Notify schools of transfers and begin the registration process.
- □ Collect all medical, dental and school records and keep these in a safe place.
- □ Contemplate holding a garage sale to save space and earn extra cash.

### 4 - 5 Weeks Before Your Move

- □ Contact AAA Movers to make arrangements for your move. Let us know if you will need help packing, have specialty items you'd like extra care for, or if you'd like to use our moving boxes.
- □ Start sorting through closets, storage areas, the basement, garage, etc. to decide if you'd like to donate or sell items.
- □ Change your address with your local Post Office by filling out a Change of Address form. For further information, visit your local post office or usps.com.
- Give a change of address to the following:
  - Banks
  - Schools
  - □ Friends & Family
  - Insurance Company
- Disconnect and re-connect your cable, internet, electric and any other services.
- □ Switch banks if your current bank branch is sparse in your new town.
- □ Check the requirements for obtaining a new driver's license and completing auto registration at your new location.
- □ If you are making an international move, make sure your passport has not expired.

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### **3 Weeks Before Your Move**

- Make arrangements for transporting your car if you plan on doing so. If you are driving to your new home, make sure your vehicle is ready for the trip.
- Check any secret hiding spots to search for any forgotten items.
- Return borrowed items, such as library books, and collect any clothing at the dry cleaners.
- Begin cleaning the rooms in your house that have been emptied to prepare for the new residents and make sure you haven't left anything behind.
- □ Transfer any prescriptions to pharmacies in your new location.

## 2 Weeks Before Your Move

At this point you probably have a good sense of what items you won't be taking with you. This is a good time to donate or organize a garage sale for unwanted items. If you donate old clothing to a local charity or shelter, you may be eligible for a tax deduction.

- Pack every day from now until your move to avoid any unnecessary stress. If you need help, feel free to call AAA Movers at any time to receive help from our professional packing teams.
- Plan to prepare quick and easy meals you can prepare for you and your family while utilizing the remaining food in your refrigerator so that it doesn't go to waste.
- Redirect or cancel scheduled deliveries to your new home, such as newspaper or grocery delivery.
- □ Empty all lockers at school, work and gym.

# **1 Week Before Your Move**

- Mow your lawn.
- □ Mark any unmarked boxes as "Fragile," "Do not load in truck," or "Load last".
- Empty, defrost, and clean your refrigerator/freezer. You can use baking soda to get rid of any foul odors.
- Put together a 'moving day survival kit' with items you will need for the trip and your first moment at your new home. This includes toilet paper, snacks, bottled water, dishes, toiletries, towels, soap, etc.
- Notify the police in your town if your home will be uninhabited for a long period of time.

# **Moving Day!**

- □ Inquire about the proper payment method for your movers and have it available on moving day.
- When the movers arrive, be available to answer any questions they have, give them detailed notes about anything you want the movers to be aware of, and be accessible by phone if you do step away.
- Hand over keys, alarm codes, and garage door remote controls to the new owner or real estate agent.