

YOUR MOVING CHECKLIST

WHAT TO DO BEFORE YOUR BIG MOVE

- Visit your new city and make sure it's a place you'll be able to call home.
- Get out of your current lease or decide to rent or sell your home.
- Give your current employer proper notice of your leave.
- Start packing up your current home and all your belongings.
- Decide if you want to hire a moving company or do it yourself.
- Determine how you want to transport your pets and vehicles.
- Find a new neighborhood and home to buy or rent in your new city.

WRAP THINGS UP RIGHT BEFORE LEAVING TOWN

- Notify utilities of a shutoff date, and provide a forwarding address to all utility companies.
- Pay all your current outstanding utility bills.
- Notify your local post office of a forwarding address for your mail, and notify family, friends, banks, your cell phone company and any other place from which you consistently receive mail.
- Throw yourself a good-bye party to say adios to your friends and family and hit the road.

THINGS TO DO WHEN YOU GET THERE

- After finding your new home, set up all utilities in your name.
- Research new doctors, a dentist, child care and all other necessary services in your new city. Be sure to transfer all your medical records.
- Register your vehicles (if you've moved out of state) and obtain a new driver's license with your new address.
- Throw yourself a housewarming party.



HOW TO MEET NEW PEOPLE

Now that you're in a new place, you'll want to network with like-minded professionals but also meet your neighbors and make new friends.

Here is how to meet new people:

- Get set up on a "blind friend date." If someone on Twitter or Facebook knows someone in your new city, ask them to introduce you.
- Join a gym and attend group exercise classes.
- Join a book club or other organization that interests you. Meetup that lists local events in almost every city around the world, and it's free to join.
- Sit at the bar at a local restaurant. It's easy to talk to those sitting around you because it's a casual environment where you're sitting right next to each other.