

# Renee's Moving Checklist:

## 8 to 6 weeks before:

- Take pictures of all your rooms
  
- Get rid of anything you don't want to move
  - Schedule a donation pick-up
  - Drop off at Goodwill centers
  - Throw large items away at your local dump
  - Have a garage sale
  
- Order & gather moving supplies
  - See my video on How to Pack
  - Free boxes take a while to gather from local stores
  - Purchase clear plastic bins for items needed immediately at the new home
  
- Get moving estimates or rent a Moving Truck
  - Don't always go with the cheapest
  - Get insurance to cover your valuables
  - Always try to negotiate on price
  
- Hire Contractors for the new place
  
- Make Travel Plans
  
- Start eating your way out of the pantry, freezer and fridge

## 6 to 3 Weeks Before:

- Start packing items that you can't see (in cabinets, drawers, closets, etc.)
- Label EVERYTHING
- Pack items seldom used or out of season
- Keep sorting through your belongings as you go
- Order a roll of brown craft paper to cover shade-less windows at the new house
- Take pictures of ALL electronic connections
- Purchase paper plates, cups and utensils
- Keep a Dutch oven, frying pan and sauce pan out for cooking meals
- Have aluminum foil and plastic wrap handy
- Get your vehicle serviced if driving a long distance to the new home
- Request school/immunization records be sent to new school
- ONLY when you receive CONFIRMATION on your lease or loan application, start packing EVERYTHING

## 2 to 1 Week before:

- Arrange for old utilities to be shut off or transferred
- Arrange for new utilities to be turned on
- Confirm with the moving company or truck rental company
- Confirm travel plans (if necessary)
- Gather pet supplies and kid's activities if travelling
- Pack clear plastic bins with last minute items
- Arrange for someone to take your plants and hazardous materials (if you can't)
- Get insurance for new home
- Change address with post office, banks, publications, government, etc.
- Hire a baby sitter and/or pet sitter for moving day
- Have a walk-through of old and new house with purchasers and owners
- Check if there are any move-in day requirements or restrictions at the new place

## 3 days before:

- Gather all jewelry, money, passports, ID, and credit cards
- Put all last-minute clothing and sheets in clear garbage bags (easy ID)
- Check all drawers and closets for overlooked items
- Drain lawn mower, snow blower and other small tools of gasoline

## Day Before:

- Empty refrigerator
- Start cleaning the old house for the new people
- Arrange for food on moving day and have food supplies handy
- Disconnect all appliances being moved

## Moving Day:

- Go with the flow!
- Drop the kids/pets off at the sitter's house
- Thoroughly clean the old house as things are being moved
- Secure windows and doors, leave keys, leave door openers
- Turn off lights
- Make your beds up at the new house
- SLEEP

## After the Move:

- If any damage occurred, get quotes in writing so that you can turn them in for an insurance claim
- Update your driver's license
- Keep all moving related receipts for tax deductions relating to a new job where moving expenses weren't paid for by an employer.

*Enjoy you new home! - Renée*