

# A SMOOTH TRANSITION TO YOUR NEW HOME

**Here are some things to consider as you make the move to your new home. I can suggest local professionals for many of these services.**

## **4 weeks before your move**

- Contact and contract with a reputable moving company.
- Have school records transferred.
- Arrange to transfer (or take with you) medical, dental and other important records.
- Prepare to transfer your homeowners and auto insurance to be sure you will be covered for any unforeseen disasters.
- Hold a garage sale to get rid of unneeded items; arrange to place excess items in storage.
- Keep track of moving-related expenses. (Check with your accountant to find out what expenses will be deductible).

## **3 weeks**

- Obtain and mail change-of-address cards to the post office, subscriptions, credit card companies and important contacts.

## **2 weeks**

- Arrange for final utility reading at your former residence the day after your move and have utilities and phone turned on at your new home the day before you move in.
- Close or transfer bank accounts.
- Terminate newspaper delivery service.
- Arrange for transfer of vehicle licenses and driver's licenses.
- Have an extra supply of prescription medications for the next four weeks.
- We will schedule a final walk-through of the property to make sure everything is in order.

## **Week of your move**

- Keep valuable financial records and personal papers with you; do not pack them with the rest of your household goods.
- On closing day, the home purchase documents record and the home is yours.
- Move in!

## **After you move in**

- Consider plans for landscaping design, installation and maintenance.
- Review home security requirements and systems.
- New home furnishings, appliances and interior decorating will help make the house your home.

**Enjoy your new home!**