

## **"MOVING TIPS" "PRE-MOVE"**

### **Canadian Relocation**

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#### **10-16 Weeks Before Move**

##### **Community Info**

Start learning about your new community by visiting information web sites.

<http://relocatecanada.com> is a great place to start.

##### **Expenses**

Did you know that moving expenses are often tax deductible? You may be eligible to deduct transportation, travel, and lodging expenses for job-related moves. Begin to keep records of all move-related expenses and documents and visit here:

##### **Move Method**

Time to think about how you're going to move. Are you doing it yourself? Or hiring a professional? Start familiarizing yourself with options and your budget. Your budget might ultimately determine your move style.

#### **8-12 Weeks Before Move**

##### **Move Help**

Ask for moving help well in advance. Once your friends and family commit to helping you, be sure to periodically remind them of your move date.

##### **Move Planning**

Finish up the remaining food in the pantry and cleaning supplies under the sink. Make an effort not to shop for household items.

Do-it-yourself moves should be planned for weekends. It's difficult to ask family and friends to take off from work/school to help out.

##### **Packing Materials**

Start organizing your possessions. Throw out all frayed towels and sheets that have gone gray. Better yet, use them to wrap delicate items on your move day.

##### **Pet Records**

If you're pet's annual exam is less than 2 months away, take them to their current vet for one last annual. Be sure to get referrals for vets in your new town. You'll also want to get a copy of your pet's medical records.

##### **Storage Facility**

Too much stuff for your new place? Consider a storage facility. Start your research by comparing pricing and security levels. If you need frequent access to your possessions, be sure the facility can

accommodate you.

### **Travel Arrangements**

<http://relocatecanada.com/norman.html>

If you are traveling a long-distance during your move, make airline, car, and hotel reservations. Pay close attention to flight schedules because you want to arrive at least 6 hours before your movers arrive.

### **Truck Rental**

Begin researching rental truck companies. Err on the side of a bigger truck so you don't run out of room on your move day! Use a dependable company that guarantees the availability of a truck for your move. Solicit quotes and make a reservation.

### **Moving Quote**

<http://relocatecanada.com/moversquote.php4>

Use "**Easy Move**" to get Free moving estimates from our associate moving companies for moving your belongings throughout Canada, USA and the rest of the world. The way people move is changing. Canadian Relocation Systems is making that change easier by giving you a simple way to, prepare and manage your move.

## **6 to 8 weeks Before Move**

### **Appraise Valuables**

Insuring valuables for the move? Be sure to get them appraised before submitting your request to your insurance company.

### **Moving your Vehicle/s**

<http://relocatecanada.com/movingcarquote.html>

Use "**Easy Car Move**" to get Free Car moving estimates from our associate Auto moving companies for moving your vehicles throughout Canada and from the USA. The way people move is changing. Canadian Relocation Systems is making that change easier by giving you a simple way to, prepare and manage your auto move.

### **Doctor Notification**

Contact your doctor and dentist and inform them of your move. If you haven't selected a new doctor in your new town, request referrals from your current doctor. Once you have made your selection, arrange to have your medical records transferred. Note that most physicians require you to submit a signed letter before receiving records.

### **Membership**

Are you a member of a community organization or club? Now is the time to formally resign or transfer your membership. You may also want to nominate a replacement if you hold a position on the board.

### **School Notification**

Notify school officials of your move. Before your move day, try to arrange a parent-teacher conference to learn more about your child's strengths and weaknesses. This information will be good to pass along to your child's new teacher.

## 4 -6 Weeks before the Move

### Car Insurance

<http://relocatecanada.com/easyinsurance.html>

Whether you're insuring your home, auto, life, farm or business, our professional Insurance Brokers will guarantee complete coverage, outstanding service and a plan that is sensitive to your needs and budget.

### Garage Sale

What a better way to get rid of old and tired possessions than a garage sale! Starting cleaning out your closets, bookcases, garage and collect all the "stuff" you do not want to transport to your new city. Most news papers have Garage Sale specials with a help kit so you can put the signs up in your neighbourhood.

### Long-Distance Phone

It's not too early to think about ordering long-distance phone service for your new home. Shop around to find the best rates.

### Packing Supplies

It's time to purchase packing materials! This includes boxes, tape, and padding. There are boxes nowadays that don't require tape. They are easy to use and sturdy.

### Propane Tank

Moving companies typically won't move propane tanks, so plan ahead and ask. If your mover refuses, make arrangements to transport it yourself or dispose of it properly.

### Household Insurance

<http://relocatecanada.com/easyinsurance.html>

Whether you're insuring your home, auto, life, farm or business, our professional Insurance Brokers will guarantee complete coverage, outstanding service and a plan that is sensitive to your needs and budget.

### Address Change

Get an address change kit at your post office and make sure to notify your Magazine subscriptions, Credit card accounts and of course your friends and family.

### Move Help

Friends or family back-out of helping you on move day? You can hire labor to help with your move, if necessary. Consider hiring a professional or call the local college for help!

### Packing Up

Pack all items that you will not need during the month prior to your move. This includes winter/summer clothing, sports equipment, books, and linens.

## 3 Weeks before the Move

### **Child Care on Move Day**

Arrange to have child care on your move day. It's best to ask for help from a family member or friend who knows your child well.

### **Furniture Damage**

Jot down any existing damage on your belongings and furniture. You'll want to be aware of this damage in case you try to make a claim with your movers.

### **Internet Service**

Make sure you have Internet Service in your new home. Also, learn if you have DSL or a second phone line. If not, moving might be a good time to upgrade your connection to the Internet.

### **Pet Grooming**

If you use a professional pet groomer, take your pet for a visit one last time before moving. While you're there, be sure to request referrals for groomers in your new town.

### **Pet Safety**

Look into purchasing a new travel kennel or "seat belt" for your pet's journey to his new home.

### **Plant Care**

Find new homes for plants or give them to your neighbors. Movers usually will not transport plants.

### **Utility Disconnect**

Contact your current utility companies (electric, cable, gas, phone, water) and disconnect service. Have services turned off the day AFTER you move.

## **2 Weeks before the Move**

### **Appliance Rules**

If you installed custom cabinetry/appliances in the kitchen of your old home, they need to stay. Otherwise, the following appliances typically "move with you": refrigerators, washers, dryers, and microwaves.

### **Child Involvement**

Moving can be overwhelming for kids! Involve them by letting them pack their own belongings. Encourage them to draw/paint on the moving boxes.

### **Maps Online**

<http://relocatecanada.com/mapping.html>

Need some maps of your new community? Need to know the quickest route to your new home? Visit map sites on the Internet. These sites are helpful and usually FREE.

**Packing Boxes**

When packing for the big day, don't forget to clearly label each box with the room in which they belong. This helps make settling in much easier.

**Pets Leash**

Be prepared for your dog's first walk in his new town. Find out about the leash laws in your new neighborhood.

**Return Borrowed Items**

Return all library books, videos, and other borrowed or rented items.

**Van Line Parking**

Plan for Van Line parking by ensuring that your moving company has a convenient place to park. Mark off the parking area with cones or chairs. Better yet, obtain a city parking permit to make sure the space remains open.

**Warranties**

Help out the people moving into your current home by leaving them a stack of warranties, instruction manuals, and receipts for appliances and electrical devices remaining in the home after you move.

**Waste Disposal**

Dispose your household hazardous waste (cleaning fluids, lighter fluid, aerosols) before you move. Contact your Town Hall or Public Works department for the nearest location of hazardous waste disposal.

**1 Week before the Move****Appliance Manuals**

Ask the previous occupant for warranties and instruction manuals for appliances remaining in your new home.

**Dry Cleaners**

Don't forget to pick up all your clothes at the dry cleaners!

**Landlord Information**

Write down the name, address, and phone number of your current landlord/building manager for future reference. Most job and housing applications require this information at some point.

**Pack Kitchenware**

Pack up all possessions that you won't need during the week of your move. This includes clothing, books, pots, pans, and kitchware.

**Trash Removal**

Make arrangements for final trash and recycling pickup. If you're leaving before the next pick-up date, ask neighbors if you can leave trash with them. You might also be able to drop off trash at the local dump.

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