

# Buyer's Relocation Checklist

- Update your mailing address** at usps.com or fill out a change of address form at your local post office. If you're still house hunting in your new town, open a PO Box for forwarding mail until you get settled.
- Change your address with important service providers**, such as your bank(s), credit companies, magazine subscriptions, phone services and others.
- Contact utility companies**. Make sure they're aware of your move date, and arrange for service at your new home. Your realtor can provide a list of service providers in your new area.
- Check insurance coverage**. The insurance your moving company provides will generally only cover the items they transport for you. Ensure you have coverage for any items you'll be moving yourself.
- Ask your realtor to recommend doctors, dentists, veterinarians and other necessary services**. Most service providers have forms available online to establish a relationship and transfer existing records before the move.
- Pack an "Open First" box**. Include items you'll need most, such as toilet paper, soap, trash bags, chargers, box cutters, scissors, hammer, screwdriver, pens and paper, cups and plates, water, snacks, towels, and basic toiletries.
- Keep important records handy**. ID's, passports, social security cards, insurance paperwork, medical records for people and pets. You may need them before the moving vans arrives.
- E-mail a copy of your driving route** to a family member or friend.
- Empty your safe deposit box**. It's often these small details that get overlooked in the flurry of activity.
- Let friends and family know how they can stay in touch**. Keep in contact with loved ones and start planning visits to explore your new town with old friends.