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Off to a new city? Make it easier with Moving Checklists by Roy Fernandez

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We usually are used to the used to the neighborhood we live, but there are times when choices have to be made. Be it for the sake of a better career or a new life elsewhere, we sometimes have to move on, maybe even to a strange land.

Though there are a lot of professional moving companies out there, moving from one place to an other involves a lot more homework and planning and with lifestyles increasing in complexity, this only makes the move even more challenging.

First, a good knowledge about the climate, demography and the culture of the destination is needed, the internet can be a great resource for this. This knowledge helps in picking what one needs; heaters, coolers or choice of clothes.

Using a â€˜moving checklistâ€™, things could be made a lot easier. This not only makes the move more efficient, but also methodical. Size of the home also plays a crucial role in the size and choice of furnitures we want to move. If it is a rented home, itâ€™s better to know the rules the landlord that the landlord has specified. Some do not allow nails on the wall. In this case, alternatives have to be made for wall mounts and paintings that one carries.

An inventory of goods that are perishable and breakable must be made, a room-wise. â€˜First day needsâ€™ should be marked and loaded last; unpack first. One should also have a file containing essentials like house documents, insurance papers, packing lists, bills to be settled, travel tickets, keys to new home, and bills to be settled.

A list of to-do tasks could be prepared, this helps us to remember things that we might otherwise forget during the busy weeks where we prepare to move. Among the list should be transfer of school records, paying of utility bills and transfer of bank accounts.

Phone, heat, electricity, and gas connections should be disconnected. Television and Internet services providers should also be notified about the move. Post office notification; insurance for valuables, health checks and medications; buying travelers cheques ; closing club, gym, and library memberships; canceling newspapers and magazine subscriptions; returning any borrowed things; finding new homes for pets and plants; confirming travel plans, should be among the things that has to be taken care of.

A moving checklist should ideally have the following:

A packed travel kit containing cheque books, credit cards, personal phone book, identity cards, flashlights, keys to new home, toiletries, change of clothes, emergency medications, food, towels, alarm clock, games for kids, hat, and windcheater.

A list of items that to be sold or placed in storage, things to be repaired, replaced, painted, or refurbished.

List of legal papers and keys to be handed over to the landlord or new owner of your home.

A folder containing details of movers, truck number, drivers ID and cell number, as well as addresses and phone numbers of their office at the destination and call center or tracking center. An envelope containing cash or cheque to settle the mover's bills.

Arrangements to be made in your new home before you arrive: a working phone, installing utilities like gas, electricity, and heat, putting in cable for the television as well as internet, turning on the water supply, getting the painting as well as any other alterations or repairs done before the trucks arrive. A ready to use folder containing, birth certificates, school records, medical records, dental records, transfer papers, and anything else required to enroll them in the new school.

Though there are professional movers, itâ€™s best to prepared and having a moving checklist helps.

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