

# MOVING REMINDERS FOR MOM & DAD

## **A Smooth Move**

Moving all of your possessions without losing or damaging anything isn't easy. You can help avoid damaging our breakables by following this simple moving checklist:

### ***One Month Before***

- Take a full inventory of all your belongings. You might want to purchase, or develop for yourself, a *Household Inventory Record* to help you. Many moving companies can supply you with this form.
- Collect important papers (medical records, insurance and financial documents) and put them in a safe place that is easy for you to get to.
- If necessary, make your travel arrangements, hotel and car rental reservations.
- Use up as much food in the freezer as possible, and give the rest away.
- Call your insurance agent for details about your insurance coverage during the move, especially if you are moving yourself or elect not to accept the insurance offered through the moving company.
- Call a mover, if you're not handling the move yourself. If you are doing it yourself, reserve a rental truck. Ask about discounts or current incentive programs, which many rental companies offer from time to time. Some even offer frequent mileage bonus points!
- Get boxes for packing. Check the classified section of your paper for used boxes (often sold by people who have just moved). Better yet, keep an eye out in your neighborhood for people moving in and offer to take the boxes off their hands. Your REALTOR is also a great source for who's moving into your area and would have boxes available! Remember, garment (hanging clothes) boxes are the toughest ones to find. It's okay to go overboard on packing tape as you will find many uses for it!

### ***Three Weeks Before***

- Start packing! Set a goal for the number of boxes you want packed each day. Remember, most movers will not pack or ship any cleaning supplies, paint, gas, liquor or aerosol products, so use, or give away, these items before the move.
- If you have items to sell and have the time, hold a garage Sale. You may sell enough to pay for the move! Since you're paying for the amount of "stuff" you're moving, make sure you'll really need these things as you pack them up.
- Take complete control of your valuables (i.e. silverware, jewelry, guns) and make arrangements to move these yourself.

### ***Two Weeks Before***

- Send a change of address form to the post office. Also, order address labels for your new home.
- Ask your family's doctors to recommend doctors in the area where you're moving and ask that your records be forwarded to them.
- Transfer your bank accounts.
- Drain gasoline from any tools or machinery you're moving.
- Contact your REALTOR to discuss the buyer's plans to move in and the utility change-overs. Normally, you'll leave the services in place until the date of closing, or your moving date, whichever is later.

### ***One Day Before***

- Clean the house and appliances.
- Pack the personal items you'll need during the move.
- If you're handling the move alone pick up the rental truck, moving blankets & emergency numbers.