

CHECKLIST FOR INTERSTATE MOVES

PLAN AHEAD BY:

- ❖ Deciding what to move and what not to move. Plan a garage sale.
- ❖ Getting estimates from several moving companies or truck rental companies, depending how you plan to make the move.
- ❖ Planning your travel itinerary and making transportation and lodging arrangements in advance. (Leave a copy of your itinerary with a friend.)
- ❖ Transferring your bank accounts. Most banks are happy to open your accounts by mail or fax.
- ❖ Requesting your records from doctors and dentists, including eyeglass prescriptions, x-rays and vaccinations.
- ❖ Obtaining your children's school records to make for an easier transfer. Also have immunization records and birth certificate ready for new enrollment.
- ❖ Drawing a floor plan of where your furniture should be placed. This will help avoid confusion for you and your movers.
- ❖ Paying existing bills and closing out local charge accounts.
- ❖ Recording expenses incurred during your house hunting trips. You will also want to save your moving expense receipts (if the move is employment related) for tax deductions.

DON'T FORGET TO:

- ❖ Discontinue deliveries, electricity, water, gas, newspaper, cable/internet, and garbage collection.
- ❖ Check on personal items that might be at the photo shop, bank safe deposit box, a neighbor's house, or in the repair shop.
- ❖ Make arrangements for transporting your plants and pets (NOTE: Arizona does not allow plants or vegetables to be carried across state lines).
- ❖ Save the phone book from your former city residence for tying up loose ends or for future correspondence.
- ❖ Transfer insurance policies or arrange for new policies. You will need to start the homeowner's policy for your new home effective the day of closing. **Your agent will need to fax or mail the policy information to the Title Company.**
- ❖ Gather all valuables, jewelry, and important papers to take with you personally.
- ❖ Have the car serviced for the trip if you're driving.
- ❖ Pack an arrival kit of necessities just in case you arrive before the movers.
- ❖ Get refunds from your present utility and phone companies, and arrange for service at your new home.
- ❖ Purchase moving insurance. The mover's liability for lost or damaged goods won't cover the replacement cost.
- ❖ Appraise valuable items, such as antiques, art pieces, etc.
- ❖ Check with your attorney about your will if crossing state lines.
- ❖ Ask your real estate agent for professional referrals for any service providers you may need (i.e.: doctors, dentists, landscapers, insurance agents, etc.).
- ❖ Mail change of address cards: Post Office, charge accounts, subscriptions (at least two weeks in advance), relatives and friends, national and alumni organizations, church, mail order clubs, firms with which you have time payments, past employer in order to receive your W-2 form.