Preparing for Your Move

A practical checklist for the 4-8 weeks leading up to moving day.

Plan the Move

- [ ] Confirm your approximate moving date.
- [ ] Request a moving estimate.
- [ ] Discuss packing, storage or other service needs.
- [ ] Tell Warner's about unusually large, heavy, fragile or valuable items.
- [ ] Consider stairs, elevators, parking and access at both locations.

Decide What Is Moving

- [ ] Go through closets, cabinets, the attic, basement and garage.
- [ ] Donate, sell or give away items you no longer need.
- [ ] Dispose of items that should not be transported.
- [ ] Clearly separate anything that is staying with the house.
- [ ] Avoid paying to move things you already planned to discard.

Begin Packing

- [ ] Start with seasonal and rarely used items.
- [ ] Pack books, decorations and extra linens early.
- [ ] Label each box with its destination room.
- [ ] Mark fragile boxes clearly on more than one side.
- [ ] Keep box weights manageable for safe handling.

Address Changes & Services

- [ ] Arrange mail forwarding.
- [ ] Notify banks, insurers, employers, schools and medical providers as appropriate.
- [ ] Update subscriptions and regular deliveries.
- [ ] Schedule utilities at the new home.
- [ ] Arrange shutoff or transfer of current utilities.
- [ ] Plan ahead for internet, television and other service installations.

Protect Important Information

- [ ] Gather identification, financial documents and important records.
- [ ] Keep medications accessible.
- [ ] Back up important computer files.
- [ ] Set aside jewelry, cash and other valuables.
- [ ] Keep irreplaceable items with you instead of packing them with household goods.

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Warner's Tip
Keep one paper or digital folder for your estimate, important contacts, utility confirmations, closing information and other move-related documents. Make sure it travels with you.

This checklist is a general planning aid. Your move may require additional steps depending on your home, destination, schedule and services.

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