

MEN ON THE MOVE

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The 10 Most Forgotten Items In A Move

Moving can be hectic and no matter how organized you are, most people forget something during this very busy time. To help you remember the details, we are providing this list of some of the ten most forgotten items at move time. Print this page and keep it with your checklist of things to do.

1. **Health Records:** Obtain medial and dental records for everyone in the family including veterinary records for your pets. Be sure to have records of all vaccines or immunizations before you go. Being able to provide these documents to a health provider will help to insure that you and your family continue to receive the care or medications necessary. In some instances, a notarized letter may be required to obtain the official documentation. You can contact the American Medical Records Association to determine all requirements.

Obtaining copies of your medical records including your dentist, veterinarian and vaccine/immunization information can often be overlooked. In some cases, a notarized letter is required to receive the official documentation; you may need to contact the American Medical Records Association to determine your new state's procedure.

2. **School Records:** You will need your child's permanent school records to enroll them in school at your new location. Having copies of their (and yours) school records are important. It will be easier on you and them later on, if you have the permanent records. Quite often, copies of these records are unacceptable for use as many areas require proof of documents with an official seal on them.
3. **Phone Numbers:** Pack your current telephone directory. It's surprising how quickly we forget phone numbers. You may also need to contact someone from your current location after the move. By taking along a phone book, you can save a lot of money from directory assistance. You will also find it to be a handy resource when you need it.
4. **Dry Cleaning:** Did you take something to the dry cleaners? Did you remember to pick it up? Have you taken anything to a local repair shop? Be sure to close out all existing business before your move.
5. **Where Are You Going?** With the excitement of preparing for your move, you may forget your forwarding address. Keep your new address in your wallet and posted where the kids have access to it so that you can give it to friends and of course advise credit card companies or other important business contacts.
6. **Sparkling Clean:** Your focus will be on your new home, but don't forget about preparing the old residence for your departure. Leave out some basic cleaning supplies for the final "once-over" before departing. Many people make arrangements with cleaning services to come in and do a final cleaning once they've left. You may want to consider this option for it's convenience.
7. **Garage Door Openers:** We put them in our cars so that we can open the door and park the car without getting out of the car. The new home owner will want the same convenience, so don't forget to take yours out of the car and leave it with the new owner.
8. **Pets:** Moving companies cannot generally transport animals or plants. Remember to make arrangements for their move too. Also, make sure that you are aware of veterinary services in your new location, in case fido or fluffy happens to need medical attention.
9. **Banking:** If you are moving out of town, remember to collect all of your important documents or other valuables from safe deposit boxes and transfer everything to your new bank. If your move is long distance, it's a good idea to establish a checking account in your new location about a month prior to leaving your existing home so you will have ready access to funds.
10. **Spare Keys:** Collect all of your spare house keys. Don't forget to collect spare keys from neighbors that may have an extra set, collect them from under rocks or any place else that you may have hidden an extra. Then, remember to give all of them to the new home owner.