Moving can be exciting, exhausting and chaotic. I hope this checklist will be helpful as you prepare for the big day.

**Four Weeks Prior to the Move:**

* Establish a moving file or folder to collect all documents related to the move.
* Set up a file to collect documents (financial, tax, employment) needed for your loan.
* Sell or donate unwanted household and personal items.
* Meet with 3 or 4 movers to get estimates.
* Arrange to have medical/dental/vet records transferred or obtain copies.
* Contact insurance company to transfer policies.
* Contact schools for copies of student records.

**Three Weeks Prior to the Move:**

* Contact utility services to schedule a cut-off date (phone, gas, electricity, cable, etc.).
* Arrange for utility service to begin in your new residence.
* Obtain a change of address kit from the post office.
* Research driver license requirements and voter registration for the new area.
* Gather up boxes, tape, markers, and packing materials.

**Two Weeks Prior to the Move:**

* Arrange to transfer stocks, bonds, bank accounts, and safe deposit box contents.
* Pack non-essential items and label with contents and location in the new residence.
* Consider another round of donations of rarely used household items.
* Make plans for babysitters and pet sitters on moving day.
* Check your prescription medications and arrange for transfer to new neighborhood.

**One Week Prior to the Move:**

* Review the checklist and take care of anything you may have missed.
* Distinctly label boxes you will need to access quickly; do not seal until moving day.
* Safely dispose of paint, oils, aerosols, and any flammable or toxic materials.
* Organize outdoor equipment; drain water hoses, gas and oil from mower.

**Moving Day:**

* Relax - you are organized and ready to go!
* Establish a safe place to store handbags and other valuables.
* Supervise the loading process and load essential items last.
* Take a final tour of the house checking closets, drawers, cupboards, garage, etc.
* Provide movers with all essential contact information.

**Moving In:**

* Arrive before the movers do and have the house ready for delivery.
* Be sure the bathrooms are stocked with soap, towels, and toilet paper.
* Take a breath, look around, and enjoy your new home!