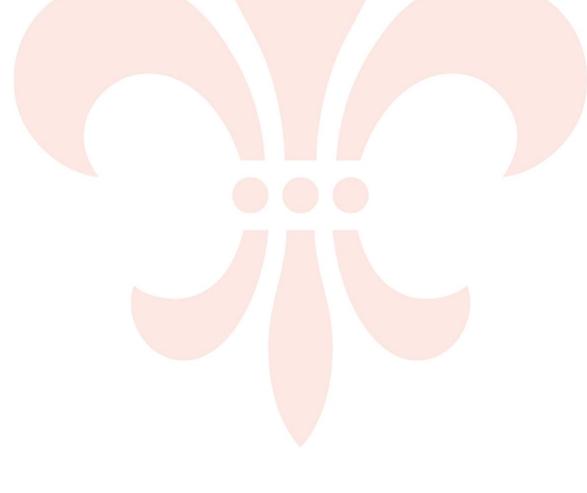


We are pleased to offer the Ultimate Moving & Organizing Guide as a complimentary gift. It includes 28 years' experience of our best tips, guidelines and lists to make any moving, downsizing, estate clear out, staging, and/or design or organizing project a success.

Work through the following three sections and, if at any time, your project becomes too overwhelming, we are happy to offer a no-cost consultation.

Simply call or email us at 415.461.6257 / info@changing-places.com.

- 1. PREPARING TO MOVE
- 2. GUIDELINES FOR PACKING HOUSEHOLD GOODS
- 3. COMPREHENSIVE MOVING CHECKLIST





# SECTION 1: PREPARING TO MOVE

#### **BEFORE YOU LEAVE**

#### ADDRESS CHANGE

- □ Post Office: give forwarding address
- □ Change accounts, credit cards
- Subscriptions: require several weeks' notice
- $\Box$  Friends and relatives

#### BANK

- Transfer funds, arrange check cashing in new city
- □ Arrange credit reference

#### INSURANCE

 Notify company of new location to transfer coverage: life, health, fire and auto

#### UTILTY COMPANIES

- Gas, lights, water, telephone, fuel and garbage
- Get refunds on any deposits made

## MEDICAL, DENTAL, PRESCRIPTION HISTORIES

 Ask doctor and dentist for referrals: transfer needed prescriptions, eyeglasses, x-rays. Obtain birth records, medical records, etc.

## PETS

 Ask about regulations for licenses, vaccinations, tags, etc.

## AND DON'T FORGET TO

- □ Empty freezer, plan use of foods.
- Defrost freezer and clean refrigerator. Place charcoal to dispel odors.
- Clean rugs or clothing before moving; have them movingwrapped.
- Check with your mover: insurance coverage, packing and unpacking labor, arrival day, various shipping papers, method and time of expected payment.
- Plan for special care needs of infants or pets.

#### AND ON MOVING DAY

- Carry enough cash and traveler's checks to cover costs of moving services and expenses until you make banking connections in new city.
- Carry jewelry and important docume yourself, or keep in a safety deposit box.
- Plan for the transporting of pets; they make poor traveling companions if unhappy.
- Let a close friend or relative know the route and schedule you will be traveling, including overnight stops; use him or her as message headquarters.
- Double check closets, drawers, and shelves to be sure they are empty.
- Leave all old keys needed by new tenants or owners with Realtor or owners.

## AND AT YOUR NEW ADDRESS

- Check on service of telephone, gas, electricity, water and garbage.
- Check pilot light on stove, water heater and furnace.
- $\Box$  Have appliances checked.
- Ask mailperson for mail they may be holding for your arrival.
- Have new address recorded on driver's license.
- Register car within five days of arrival in state, or a penalty may have to be paid when getting new license plates.
- Obtain inspection stickers and transfer motor club membership.
- Apply for state driver's license.
- Register children in school.
- Arrange for medical services; doctor, dentist, veterinarian, etc.
- Check with your CPA or accountant for tax deductible moving expenses.



# SECTION 2: GUIDELINES FOR PACKING HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Packing box sizes and suggested use:

| 1.5 Cubic Feet (Small) | 3.0 Cubic Feet (Medium) | 4.5 Cubic Feet    |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
|                        |                         | (Large)/Dish Pack |
| Books                  | Clothes                 | Fine China        |
| Records                | Shoes                   | Glassware         |
| Tapes/CD               | Linens                  | Art Objects       |
| Canned Goods           | Toys                    | Lamps             |
| Spices                 | Games                   | Vases             |
| Cutlery                | Pots & Pans             | Pictures          |
| Toiletries             | Non-Fragile Items       | All Fragile Items |
| Medicines              |                         | -                 |
| Cleaning Products      |                         |                   |
| Liquor                 |                         |                   |

Additional guidelines:

- \* Label top and one side of boxes with black felt tipped pens.
- \* Use lots of cushioning in dish packs. (see diagram)
- \* Use lots of paper when wrapping dishes.
- \* Seal all boxes with good packing tape.
- \* Leave non-breakables in drawers.
- \* Movers provided wardrobes for hanging clothes.
- \* Put loose items (office supplies, tools, toiletries, etc.) in Ziploc bags.
- \* Put oils, and all liquids in Ziploc bags

NOTE: These are guidelines, not rules. Use common sense. Speed is the next factor - without causing accidents.

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FRAGILE

DISHPACK



## SECTION 3: COMPREHENSIVE MOVING CHECKLIST

# Phase One: Pre-Move/Organize (Former House)

Mark your priorities to start the process (list by room)

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# Phase Two: Organize, Sort & Label

## ROOM-BY-ROOM DETAILS

## PRE-MOVE

## A. KITCHEN AREA

#### A1. KITCHEN

- Organize, sort, label
- Design new kitchen plan & placement of items
- Decide what supplies are needed for new kitchen
- Container Store/Bed Bath & Beyond online shopping for organizational supplies

## A2. SHELF LINER/PAPER (Bed, Bath & Beyond/Container Store/Ace Hardware)

Line shelves with paper/ heavy corrugated plastic in

- 🗌 Kitchen
- 🗌 Bath
- Other \_

For housekeeper

## A3. PANTRY/BUTLER'S PANTRY

| Organize, sort, label |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Toss old/expired food |  |

## **B. OFFICE 1**

| Sort, Shred or Ke | ер                             |             |                      |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Sort, organize &  | label: Desk, files, bookshelve | s, closets, | stationery, photos   |
| Design, build or  | purchase shelving to accom     | modate k    | books, supplies, and |
| Purchase/install  | new desks bookcase             | s 🗌 filing  | cabinets             |

files

# C. OFFICE 2

| Sort, Shred or Keep   |    |
|---|----|
| Sort, organize & label: Desk, files, bookshelves, closets, stationery, photos |    |
| Design, build or purchase shelving to accommodate books, supplies, and file   | es |
| Purchase/install: 🗌 new desks 🗌 bookcases 🗌 filing cabinets                   |    |

## **D. LIVING ROOM**



Organize, sort & label: Keep/donate/sell

Bookshelves

- Knick Knacks/Mementos
- Cabinets/drawers

Media: Music, CDs, DVDs, records

Crafts & Games

## E. FAMILY ROOM

Organize, sort & label: Keep/donate/sell/give to family or friends

- Art
- Knick Knacks/Mementos
- Cabinets/drawers
- Media: Music, CDs, DVDs, records
- Crafts & Games

## F. LIBRARY

Organize, sort & label: Keep/donate/sell/give to family or friends

- Books
- Cabinets
- Drawers
- 🗌 Desk

## G1. PRIMARY BEDROOM

Organize, sort & label: Keep/donate/sell/give to family or friends

- 🗌 Books
- Jewelry
- Side table 1
- Side table 2
- Bureaus/Dressers
- Drawers

## G2. PRIMARY BEDROOM CLOSET

| Organize, sort and pack, Divide into section | s while sorting: |
|--|------------------|
| Keep: Summer/Winter                          |                  |
| Donate/sell                                  |                  |
| Repair/fix: shoes bags/clothes/jewelry       |                  |
| Store Long-term                              |                  |
| PRIMARY closet                               |                  |
| LINEN CLOSET/OTHER (name                     |                  |
|  |                  |

## **G3. PRIMARY BATHROOM**

| Medicine Cabinets: Sor | t <mark>old medications</mark> fo | or recycling |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Linen Closet           |                                   |              |
| Under Sink             |                                   |              |
| Drawers                |                                   |              |
|                        |                                   |              |

## H. BEDROOMS

Organize, sort, pack/unpack room: BEDROOM 1 (Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- BEDROOM 1 closet
- BEDROOM 1 bathroom

BEDROOM 2 (Name: \_

BEDROOM 2 closet



| 🗌 bedroom | 2 bathroom |  |
|-----------|------------|--|
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#### BEDROOM 3 (Name: \_

BEDROOM 3 closet BEDROOM 3 bathroom

## BEDROOM 4 (Name \_

BEDROOM 4 closet

## J. LINEN CLOSET/LAUNDRY ROOM

## K. GARAGE

Organize, sort, label, haul and recycle items

- Toys
- Sports gear
- Catering/Holiday
- Misc. Storage (Cleaning supplies/Paper goods/Automotive)
- Overflow pantry items/disaster preparedness items
- Tools
- Design, buy and install shelving and cabinets in new home
- Hire hauler for recycling & hazmat (old paint, cleaning supplies, e-waste etc.)

## L. OFFSITE STORAGE SPACE

- Organize, sort, pack/unpack items
- Design and install shelving and cabinets
- Recommend offsite storage facilities

## M. DEBRIS REMOVAL, HAULING & RECYCLING

(Applies to several areas of home, including garage, attic, and offsite storage space)

Hire Hazmat Removal Company for paint and toxic chemical pick up

- De-clutter and manage the remove of excess household items
  - that are not wanted in the new residence.
- Haul away/remove other items (please specify)\_

## N. STAGING

- Partial staging/styling using existing pieces; style and organize remaining furniture leaving a clean, spacious presentation.
- In full house clear out we will work with/coordinate with your staging company
- Consult in staging, design and/ or remodel of old residence to expedite sale.

## ADDITIONAL ROOMS / REQUIREMENTS



# Phase Three: The Move

## O. INVENTORY

Take a digital photo inventory of both Former and New Home (if possible)

## P. FLOOR PLAN & LABELING (If possible)

Create floor plan of the new home to assist client/movers with furniture placement and accurately assess scope of work needed. Measure carpets/floors in new home to ensure furniture fits.

Label furniture for placement in new home

Place markings on floor/carpet in new home for furniture placement

## Designate/Labeling items for:

- Storage
- Charity (Your preferred charity/organization\_
- Consignment
- Auction
- Keep/Move

The following are important steps to take in your move process, and we have described our involvement if we were working for you:

## Q1. MOVING ESTIMATES (where necessary)

Recommended: 2 competitive estimates Solicit estimates from no fewer than two (2) reputable moving companies. CP strongly recommends being present with client during the moving estimate walk-through to assure that the movers get fair and equal information for review when preparing their estimate.

## Q2. SUPERVISION OF MOVE

- CP to oversee & supervise entire moving process.
  - Client not required to be present during actual move.
- Conduct final "walk-through" with moving company supervisor to ensure all items are loaded onto trucks.

Oversee unload of all boxes & furniture to be placed in appropriate rooms according to floor plan.

**Note:** Client's selected mover must secure permits (parking or other) for both locations during move. CP is not responsible for parking permits.

## Phase Four: Moving Concierge Services

## FOCUS ON WORK. WE'LL DO THE REST.

At Changing Places, we want to be the ALL-IN-ONE source for your moving and relocation needs. Our concierge style offerings give you the option to mix and match the specific services required for your project. With our help, all of the distracting, time consuming moving details will be handled expertly, quickly and efficiently. We'll let you focus on work, life and family. Leave the rest to us.



Simply fill out this form and send it back to us at info@changing-places.com to get your project started.

| CLIENT NAME   |  |
|---|--|
| PROJECT TIMELINE/DATES  |  |
| ADDRESSES:<br>Current Address   | Sq. Footage  |
| New Address   | Sq. Footage  |
| PHONE:<br>Home  | OFFICE   |
| HIS CELL  | HER CELL   |
| CLIENT EMAIL 1  |  |
| CLIENT EMAIL 2  |  |
| SPECIAL NOTE:   |  |
| DESIRED SERVICES (please select all that apply)   |  |
| TYPE OF PROJECT  Move Local National International  | <ul> <li>Estate Clear Out</li> <li>Staging and/or Design</li> </ul>    |
| Downsize/Right size   | Organizing   |
| ARTWORK Crating/Special Art Handling – Hire profession Hire professional picture hanger to install art Insurance EARTHQUAKE PREPARATION Bracket all tall furniture to wall. |  |
| Purchase earthquake kits for Client's home of   | and car.   |
| CLEANING<br>Arrange cleaners for:<br>Former Home (post-move)<br>New Home (pre-move and post-move)   |  |
| Additional:<br>Carpet<br>General Cleaning<br>Floors   | <ul> <li>Power Washing</li> <li>Upholstery</li> <li>Windows</li> </ul> |



Other: Please Specify\_

## INTERNET TECHNOLOGY & AUDIO/VISUAL RELOCATION SUPPORT

Hire technician for home media installation.

Hire computer technician to assemble, set up computer and related equipment in new office.

Hire technician to install phone, fax, TV Services

## UTILITIES (FORMER & NEW HOME)

Disconnect and transfer services using simple CP authorization & consent form. Indicate services needed (authorization form will be provided):

| 🗌 Water                  |
|--------------------------|
| Electricity              |
| Fax/Copier Installations |
| Garbage/Sanitation       |
| Internet/Wireless        |

TV/Satellite Services
 Phone System Installation
 Address Change (mail)
 Home Theater/Audio
 Other:
 Please specify\_\_\_\_\_\_

## OUTSIDE VENDORS

CP will provide at least 2 contractor referrals for each category selected:

| Architect                           | Florist/Plant Care                           |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Appraiser Appraiser                 | Furniture Finishing/Upholstery               |
| Alarm Company                       | Furniture Assembly                           |
|                                     | Gardener                                     |
| Carpet Company                      | Gym equipment, assembly & repair             |
|                                     | Handyperson                                  |
| Childcare/Nanny/Babysitter Services | Hardwood Floor Company                       |
| Chimney Sweep                       | Home Theater, Audio & TV                     |
| Cleaning Service                    | Hot Tub/Spa/Pool Service                     |
| Closet Company                      | Painter Painter                              |
| Contractors                         | Pet Care                                     |
| Decorator/Interior Designer         | Plumber                                      |
| Document Shredding                  | Silver/Brass Restoration                     |
| Electrician                         | Window Treatments (curtains, blinds, shades) |
| Feng Shui Consultant/Practitioner   | Wood Restoration                             |

CP will not be responsible for packing and unpacking of special valuables, breakables and artwork. This includes all types of computers, mobile phones and jewelry. Client must identify all valuables of \$1000 or more. Clients will need to provide an appraisal or show receipts to prove their value.

## By signing this, you have read and agree to the above terms and agreements.

| Signature<br>Client          | V | Date |  |
|------------------------------|---|------|--|
| Signature<br>Changing Places |   | Date |  |