



## Two Weeks Before

- Arrange to transfer or close your bank account. If necessary, clear out your safety deposit box, and put the contents in a safe box you'll take in the car for your move. 
- Read booklet *Your Rights & Responsibilities When You Move* provided by Starving Students.
- Start cooking and eating any canned foods leftover in the cupboards. 
- If you have pets, make sure you have a veterinarian selected near your new home in case there is an emergency.

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## One Week Before

- Try to finish packing a couple of days before moving day. Have your boxes labeled and numbered. Pack and clearly mark an "essentials" box of items you'll need right away.
- Set aside things you'll personally transport to your new home such as jewelry and important files such as medical, financial records.
- Disassemble stereos, TVs, beds, mirrors, etc. 
- Notify both building managers of your move date. If possible, reserve the elevator and a parking space near the building of your old and new address for the moving truck.
- Fill any prescriptions you'll need in the next couple of weeks.
- Pick up items from cleaners, repair shops, or friends.
- Return any books on loan from the library. 

## A Few Days Before

- Empty, clean, and defrost the refrigerator at least 24 hours before your move. Or get an ice chest to put perishable items from fridge.
- A Starving Students moving consultant will call to confirm the moving day and go over the arrival time, inventory, and other details about your move.
- If you are not paying by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover), get a money order, a cashier's check, or cash to pay the movers. Note: Cash requires a \$250 deposit. 
- Prepare detailed directions to your new home for the movers. Also write down your contact information (a cell phone number is ideal). 
- Ask the new occupants of your home or a neighbor to watch for mail after you move - and check in with them after two weeks, and again after a month.
- Have utilities turned on at your new address a day before the move date (gas, electricity, water). 
- Drain and dry all water beds.
- Pack a separate bag with blankets and pillows to make your bed.
- Fill up gas in your car if you're driving. 

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## Moving Day

- Plan to be home for the entire time it takes the movers to get packed and loaded. Be present to answer questions and give directions to the movers. Stay until they finish.
- Check that the Starving Students truck that shows up has our U.S. Department of Transportation number USDOT 318223 painted on the side.
- Accompany movers as they inventory your household goods and resolve any questions regarding the condition of materials being moved.
- Return garage control opener to apartment manager or new residents.
- Before the moving van leaves, take one final look throughout the house to make sure nothing is left behind.
- At your new home, show movers where to place furniture and boxes.



- Check inventory to make sure everything was delivered before signing delivery papers. Note any damages on the inventory sheet.
- Sign and keep a copy of the inventory sheet.
- Unpack valuable items first, such as silver, art, jewelry.

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## Carry With You:

- Keys to the new home
- Directions to new home
- Map of new town
- Money, cash, or credit card
- Documentation related to the sale of your home
- Insurance policies and agent's phone number
- Address book or personal planner
- Pets
- Jewelry & valuable items
- Prescriptions & medicine
- Important records & documents
- Photo albums
- Back up copies of important computer files
- Sheets and towels for the first night in your new home
- Personal hygiene items e.g. toothpaste, soap, and razor



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## After the Move

- Turn off the utilities at your old address.
- Walk and drive around your neighborhood and community to orient yourself.
- Get new driver's licenses, library cards, voter registration cards, and bus passes.
- Order checks with your new address
- File your moving receipt. Some moving expenses are tax-deductible.
- Check your mail at your old home. Make sure mail is being forwarded to your new address.

