

## **Things to do before you move . . .**

- Book Elevators if moving from a condo or to a condo- Remember there are restrictions on times and dates-Do this then book your movers –Do it in advance- There maybe deposits
- Notify the post office of change of address.
- Advise utilities when to discontinue services, have meters read, and arrange for services at your new location.
- Change address on your vehicle registration and driver's licence.
- Notify school authorities so they can forward school records.
- When moving into a new subdivision, check that driveways and roads are accessible by moving vans.
- Have a garage sale--this will enable you to dispose of unwanted items and generate some extra cash, and there's less to pack as well.
- Go through items and get rid of items to charity: furniture, clothes etc.,
- Get rid of cleaning solutions and chemicals etc that can't be moved
- Remember to clean: leave your home the way you would like you new home to look like- sweep and/or vacuum, throughout garbage- leave some paper towels and toilet tissue for the new owners-

## **Packing tips from the pros . . .**

- Identify contents of each carton for easy unpacking.
- Use fragile stickers to identify those boxes that need special care.
- Blankets and linens are best moved in larger cartons.
- Pillows can be packed in dresser drawers.
- Records should be packed on edge in upright position (ask about our specially-designed carton).
- Books should be packed on edge in a one or two cubic foot carton for easy handling (ask about special book carton).
- Tape cartons on the bottom (two strips) and top (one strip).

- Cartons should weigh no more than 50 to 60 pounds.
- Pack lampshades in cartons by themselves.
- Do not pack cleaning solutions etc in the same cartons as food items or medicines.
- Do not wrap linens, books, lampshades in newspapers as the ink will rub off.
- Do not pack irons, kitchenware etc in same box as china and glass.
- Do not pack heavy articles on top of shoes. They travel well in the bottom of wardrobe containers.
- If you plan to do your own packing, start well in advance of the big day.  
This avoids last minute rush and stress.
- Tie brooms, mops and curtain rods in bundles  
(ask about our special telescoping household utility carton--you'll be amazed at how much it will hold).
- Consider wardrobe containers--each container will accommodate two linear feet of closet space, and are available in either full length or short. They are also perfect for packing draperies.