



"Checklist For Moving To And From Santa Barbara!"



The Official Smooth Move Moving Guide!



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A Complimentary Checklist For Moving To or From Santa Barbara, California

MOVING! The very thought of it can send chills down our spine and cause us to break out into a cold sweat. Experts say that any kind of "change" creates "stress".

Moving (and especially if we are relocating to a new city or state) represents a huge change and naturally brings a significant amount of stress along with it.

This can be a double whammy because stress can lead to a lack of energy and motivation. Many of us tend to procrastinate during stressful periods of our lives. This is one time, though, when we must rise above that. When preparing for a move, we need to put the pedal to the metal and get a lot of things done.

This checklist contains many suggestions that may seem like "no-brainers." However, printing out these simple suggestions and reminders can become a significant security blanket as the dreaded time approaches.

Moving and relocating calls for being proactive, grabbing the bull by the horns, and completing certain chores well in advance of their deadlines. Hopefully, this little paper will help you to accomplish that.



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In this checklist, we are leaving out the "big things," such as finding the best moving company and researching your new neighborhood's transportation, parking, employment, etc.

Those are for another day. Today we are concentrating on the basics of planning and preparation.

Get rid of what you don't need.

Many of us are "pack rats". One thing we can accomplish immediately is going through all of our "stuff" and getting rid of what we don't need anymore.

Moving unwanted clothing and bric-a-bracs from one place of residence to another is an excellent waste of time and effort. It is surprising how much more in control we feel once we start narrowing down our "inventory" to what we need to keep.

Getting rid of unwanted items can be done by having a garage sale long before moving time and then donating the leftovers to the Salvation Army or other charitable groups.

Get all important papers and documents together and secure them.



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Since moving is hectic, to say the least, we need to be aware of the exact location of all of our important items.

Things that we absolutely must not lose or misplace should certainly be hand-carried, not put in a box for the movers:

- Address Books
- Birth Certificates
- Bank Statements
- Checks
- Credit Cards Statements
- Home Movies
- Irreplaceable Memorabilia
- Insurance Policies
- Marriage Records
- Medical and Dental Records
- Military Records
- Passports
- Photos
- Photo Albums
- Resumes
- School Records
- Stock Certificates
- Tax Returns
- Telephone Numbers
- Valuables (jewelry, gold)
- Vehicle Documents
- Wills



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Prepare well in advance for living at your new location. There are many things that we can do at our new location well in advance of our move that will help smooth out the bumps and grinds of our relocation process when the actual event occurs: Open up new bank accounts.

Open a new Safe Deposit Box.

Contact the new area utility companies and arrange for your new services.

These include Cable TV, gas, electric, oil, telephone, water, and Internet access.

Arrange for new medical providers. If you are moving to a new state, contact the DMV and get the forms necessary to re-register your vehicle.

Contact your insurance companies and find out if your car insurance, homeowner's insurance, etc., can be transferred.

If not, find an Insurance Broker in your new area and discuss your needs and requirements for new policies. Go to the post office and get a moving kit.



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Prepare change of address forms for all your correspondents:

- I. Credit Card Companies
- II. Other Credit Accounts
- III. Banks
- IV. Insurance Companies
- V. Current Utility Companies For Final Statements
- VI. Magazines
- VII. Other Subscriptions
- VIII. Family
- IX. Friends
- X. Other Persons or Businesses You Correspond With Regularly

As the time approaches, get a nice new legal pad.

As moving day approaches and when the moving process begins, you don't want to be hunting for phone numbers in wallets, purses, or address books.

Have a new legal pad ready with all significant phone numbers written clearly and legibly for your old and new contacts:

Banks | Doctors | Emergency contacts | Family members
Friends | Landlords or Real Estate Brokers | Movers
Pharmacies | Schools | Storage Facilities | Utilities



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With proper planning and preparation, the moving process, though never fun, can at least be sane.

With proper planning and preparation, the utilities at your present address can be disconnected the day after you move, and the utilities at your new address can be connected the day before your arrival.

With proper planning and preparation, you will not be frantically searching for a new doctor or pharmacy if that unfortunate need arises. With proper planning and preparation, you will have your important documents at the tip of your fingers.

With proper planning and preparation, your mail will start arriving the day after you move into your new abode, and your life will endure a minimum of chaos and clutter.

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