

POST CLOSING CHECKLIST

You've just closed your house purchase – now what? Of course, there's the packing, unpacking and decorating. This checklist will help you stay on track.

- Determine your moving needs, including:
 - Movers or a van (donate items you will not take with you in the move prior to obtaining an estimate)
 - Boxes (include a variety of sizes and divided containers for glassware)
 - Packing paper, tape and markers to identify boxes
 - Consider moving special breakables yourself, if possible
 - Have paper towel, bathroom tissue, plastic cups and other necessities available for use on moving day
 - Measure doors, hallways and stairways prior to moving day to be sure they will accommodate your possessions
 - Save your receipts – you may be able to deduct some moving expenses
- Get the names and addresses, payment dates, account numbers and amounts you have to pay for your mortgage, taxes, condo maintenance and utility charges.
- Create your change of address notification list, including:
 - The post office
 - Employers
 - Doctor and dentist offices
 - Benefit providers
 - Magazine subscriptions
 - Auto and home insurance
- Change your driver's license and your registration information with the Department of Motor Vehicles. Falling to do so could incur a fine.
- Get to know your neighborhood: the closest grocery stores, pharmacies, police and fire stations, hospital. Ask your realtor or loan officer for recommendations for veterinarians and other professionals.
- Call your local government office to identify garbage and recycling days.
- Change the locks, or at least the tumblers, on all doors.
- Consider upgrading the locks to deadbolts for greater home security.