

MOVING IDEAS

Timing Is Everything When Planning A Move

(NAPSA)—Proper planning can help do-it-yourself movers avoid the stress of last-minute moving tasks.

Penske Truck Rental offers the following tips for achieving a smooth and hassle-free move:

Three to four weeks before the move

- Map out a timetable of things to do during the weeks before the move.

- Select and reserve the appropriate size truck for your needs.

- Pick up packing supplies such as boxes, bubble wrap and tape.

- Start packing out-of-season clothing and other non-essential items.

- Lighten your moving load by disposing of items you no longer need, having a garage sale or donating items to charity.

- Gather important documents such as medical records, prescriptions, pet immunization records, passports, marriage license, birth certificates and Social Security papers. Pack in one box and place on the truck last for easy access.

Two weeks before the move

- Provide the post office with your forwarding address online at www.usps.com. This site also provides links for connecting your utilities, moving your magazines, updating your e-mail address and other services needed when moving.

- Contact utility companies. Have services disconnected the day after your move so you have water, gas, electric and phone services on moving day. Schedule connections at your new home in time for your arrival.

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newspaper delivery, trash collection and cable to discontinue or transfer service.

- Secure helpers and reserve a babysitter for moving day.

One day before the move

- Finish packing, taping and labeling boxes.

- Prepare major appliances and furniture for the move by securing doors and drawers with rope.

- Put together a moving day travel kit to keep with you in the truck cab. Include your checkbook, credit cards, ID cards, flashlight, keys for old and new home, first-aid kit and prescriptions.

- Pick up your rental truck the day or evening before moving day. Take some time to familiarize yourself with the vehicle's operation and handling.

A free moving guide is available by calling 800-467-3675 or by visiting any Penske Truck Rental location. To learn more or to make a reservation, visit www.pensketruckrental.com.