

MOVING IDEAS

Staying Connected Throughout A Residential Move And During Violent Weather

(NAPSA)—An estimated 20 million U.S. households are expected to relocate this year. And no matter if the moving van is heading across town or across the country, it's important to make sure that your life doesn't get put on hold between packing and unpacking.

Fortunately, there's a cost-free, interactive resource that delivers real-time assistance to consumers, while easing the entire moving process: www.movearoo.com. By simply entering a home address at Movearoo, consumers can find statistics and information on any area across the country, and get help with everything from identifying the right moving company to conveniently setting up home-related services such as phone, high-speed Internet, TV, electricity, natural gas and more. Visitors to the site will also find ways to save costs by obtaining multiple services from one company in the form of a bundled package easily reviewed on one monthly bill.

Movearoo was established by a consortium of leading communications companies, including Verizon. The site is one of the most convenient and efficient places online—the total moving resource where users can even change their address without a trip to the post office.

Stormy Weather

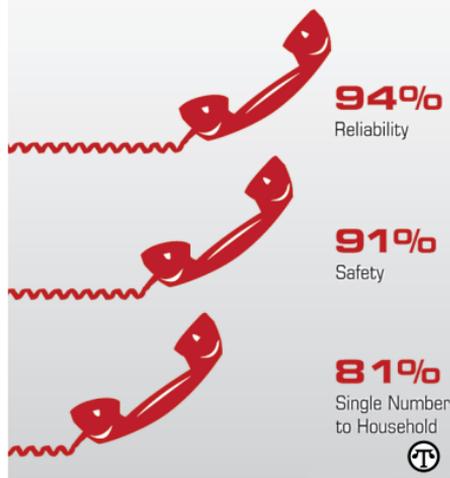
Before, during or after a move, bad weather can sometimes lead to a communication breakdown as commercial power fails. According to a recent survey, the reliability of landline voice service—even during a power outage—is a main reason that a majority of consumers (83 percent) plan to retain their landlines, even though nearly three-quarters of survey respondents (74 percent) also have cell phones. Traditional landline phone service operates with a small amount of electrical current and is not the same as phone service provided by cable companies, which typically will be knocked out of service during a commercial power outage.

Be Prepared

During inclement weather, electric power—or the potential

HOLD THE PHONE

Top reasons landline owners maintain a home phone.



Before, during and after relocating, it's important to stay connected—and make sure essential services don't get interrupted.

lack of it—becomes a key issue. Verizon suggests the following:

- If you have a cordless phone, get an inexpensive corded phone that plugs directly into the wall. If the power goes out, cordless phones won't work, but corded ones will. In addition, answering machines won't work, but Verizon voice mail service—which is powered by the network—will still be operational and can serve as a convenient family message board.

- Make contact lists and create communications plans for loved ones before the storm comes. If you are evacuated or are otherwise unreachable, make plans to communicate via wireless calling, text messaging, the Internet or other alternatives available at relocation sites.

- Charge up all battery-powered devices you might use, including wireless phones, personal digital assistants, laptop computers, flashlights and radios. And check your supply of batteries.

To learn more about the benefits of various home services, visit www.verizon.com. Existing Verizon customers making a move should call 866-VZ-MOVES (866-896-6837).