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Ten Most Forgotten Items When Moving Your Household Goods

With more than 43 million Americans planning to move this year, odds are even the most organized may not remember every detail of a move -- or every item. Remembering the “out of sight, out of mind” objects increases your success in moving all of your belongings. Mayflower suggests adding the following 10 points to the top of your preparation list:

For the record -- Obtain copies of your and your family's medical records, including any dental and vaccine/immunization information, as well as any veterinary records for the family pet. In some cases, a notarized letter is required to receive official documentation; you may need to contact the American Medical Records Association to determine your new state's needs. You might also consider transferring current prescriptions to a drugstore in your new town.

Buried treasure -- If you've hidden any valuables around the house, be sure to collect them before leaving. You should carry valuable items such as jewelry with you or keep them in a safe deposit box instead of packing them on the moving van.

Old phone numbers -- Pack phone books from your existing residence to take with you. You may think you'll remember the numbers you frequently call now, but more likely you'll spend a small fortune on directory assistance charges to contact old friends or tie up loose ends.

Taken to the cleaners -- Remember to collect all items that are being cleaned, stored or repaired (for example, dry cleaning, shoes, watches, etc.). Also, remember to return library books, movie rentals and anything else you may have checked out.

What's your new address? -- Keep your new address handy in your wallet or purse. In the flurry of preparing for a move, you may forget your new address -- important information when forwarding periodicals, mail and credit card bills, as well as keeping in touch with old friends.

Spic and span -- Remember to leave out cleaning supplies for the final “once-over” before closing the door for good, or make arrangements in advance for a service to clean for you. To reduce the amount of things you take with you, if you are cleaning the home yourself, use up previously purchased cleaning products, and then throw away the empty containers when you leave.

The opener -- Many people often forget to take the electric garage door opener out of their automobile before leaving. Remember to leave the opener for the new residents.

Remember “Rover” -- In most cases, moving companies cannot transport animals or plants. Plan ahead and make arrangements for their safe transfer.

Bank on it -- It's wise to open a checking account in your new town about a month prior to your move so that you have immediate access to your funds. It enables you to have a little cash on hand for unexpected expenses. On occasion, retailers will decline to cash “out-of-town” checks.

Keys to success -- Remember the collection of spare house keys. Whether it means retrieving keys from neighbors or from under the rock next to the front door, don't forget to gather all sets before you depart.

Charlotte Van & Storage Joins Forces With CollegeBoxes.Com



Charlotte Van and Storage is now working with a new customer, College Boxes. College Boxes is an organization that provides us with the school name and the name of the student who will require our services for moving or storage services. Samantha Pressley is working closely with College Boxes to establish a strong relationship with the company and the schools involved, in hopes of gaining many more schools and students for the coming years.

Charlotte Van and Storage deliver the packing items needed for the students to pack their dorm/apartment belongings; then about a week later, Charlotte Van & Storage will return to load all boxes and bulk furniture. Then store the items while the students are on Summer Break, delivering the items back to the students when school starts again.

At this time we are working with students from Davidson College, but look forward to expanding this service to more campuses in the area as time goes by.



From the President's Desk

George Williams – Celebrating 34 Years of Dedicated Service to Charlotte Van & Storage



In 1972, I met a young man who had just returned to work for Charlotte Van and Storage. I too was relatively new to full time employment with the company having started in 1971. George Williams had been hired by W.S. McMillian, our then GM, as a helper. I was impressed by George's smile and how he handle customers under some very trying circumstances. George had grown up in eastern North Carolina and worked chopping tobacco as a young man. Later he moved to New York City and learned the moving business there. He and his wife Marie then relocated to Charlotte. George worked as a helper and later received his Class A CDL license.

Over these years we all have learned we can depend on George. No matter how tough the circumstances, he can make the customer feel extremely relaxed and confident in his ability. We received performance reports weekly with customer praises for George and his crew. He has handled moves for customers such as Gary Bechtel, President of Bechtel Construction Company on more than one occasion. He has relocated the VP of Muzak, Bruce McKagan 3 times coast to coast. People call us weekly asking if George is still around and can he handle my next move. After 34 years on the job, we consider him one of the foundation pillars of our company.

George has 2 sons, George Jr and Scott and 2 daughters. Scott works with his father on many days and travels nationwide with him as needed. You can depend on George to do it right consistently...



Van Operator Appreciation Week – A Breakfast fit for a King

Each year, Mayflower Transit sponsors a weeklong initiative titled “Van Operation Appreciation Week.” This year’s designation ran from May 7, 2007, to May 11, 2007. In order to honor our drivers for the great work that they do, members from the management team at Charlotte Van hosted a driver/helper breakfast. The *less than* gourmet chefs included Nolan Brown, Vice President of Operations, Kris Michalsky, Warehouse Manager, and Ken Cannon, Dispatcher. Featured below are some of the photos from the early morning feast held on May 11, 2007.




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