

Main Road *Self* STORAGE

AFTER YOU MOVE!

Prepare for Arrival at Your New Home

- You are likely to arrive at your new home before your goods do. This gives you the opportunity to look things over and choose a "relaxation space." Start by designating a room or area for relaxation. Plan on keeping this space cleared of clutter or boxes. You can even plan to bring out lamps and a few pieces of furniture for this area before unloading anything else. While tackling the monumental task of settling in, you'll appreciate having a place to "get away" from your work. This is also a good time to look things over.
- This is also a good time to look things over. Check appliances, utilities and heating/ cooling systems to prevent unpleasant surprises (arrange for repairs if necessary).
- Make sure your mail is making it to your new address and that your phone service is connected.
- Consider drawing out your new floor plan and decide where you want furniture and appliances placed.
- Prior to delivery of your belongings, plan ahead for its delivery.
- When the moving truck comes, show the driver where you want the furniture and boxes placed. If you are unable to do this, work closely with a friend or representative.

Unpacking and Moving Your New Home

- At this point you'll probably feel the urge to tackle everything at once. Take a deep breath and realize you don't have to unpack everything in one day - or even in one week.
- Start by placing boxes and furniture in their designated rooms.
- Wonder where to start unpacking? Plan on taking things one room at a time, starting with the kitchen. Set up the microwave and coffeemaker and stock the fridge with easy-to-prepare meals.
- Remember to keep your trusty "**Essentials Box**" accessible. Once your basic kitchen items are in order, you can focus on other areas of the house knowing that you have somewhere to go for a cup of coffee or a quick snack.
- Next focus on the bathrooms. Make toiletries and paper accessible and pull out a few towels. Once your new kitchen and baths are functioning, you can focus on the rest of the house at a more relaxed pace.

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- Where you go from here is a matter of personal preference - take your time and make an adventure of it!
- Take it easy. Don't feel like you have to unpack right away. Focus on the essentials and take your time in addressing the less important stuff.
- Have fun. Take the time to enjoy your new surroundings with your family and make exploring a fun event. Take walks and visit a local park, or check out local shopping, entertainment and restaurants.
- Include everyone. As you settle into your new home, make a point to include all family members. Allow each member input in planning and decorating, and be tactful in making compromises. When all is done, each member should feel like they contributed to his or her "space."
- After your goods are unloaded, contact UNITS to have your container taken away. Be sure to remove all debris.

After the Move

- Keep all receipts and documentation in your move file and store the file in a safe place. You'll be glad to have everything in one place at tax time.
- Get a new driver's license and new tags for your automobile.
- Register to vote.
- Contact the local paper for a new subscription.
- Get involved. Be on the look-out for neighbors and introduce yourself to them. Ask them what organizations they recommend and see if you can find one that fits your needs. Involvement in a church group, athletic club or volunteer organization is likely to help you feel more like a part of your community.

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