The Relocation.com Checklist for Your Move

This is not intended as a comprehensive checklist of tasks for your move; look for that in the Moving Guide on Relocation.com. Rather, just print it out and keep it in a highly visible place over the next couple months to serve as an occasional reminder of the big things you must accomplish before your move.

1. Find a moving company to handle your move
   - Ask for referrals, or get a free quote from Relocation.com
   - After an initial screen, have at least 3 companies give you in-home estimates
   - Do a background check: check registration, insurance, and Better Business Bureau records
   - Choose your moving company

2. Tell the family about the move
   - Be ready for anxiety if moving with children
   - Involve your family members in the moving process
   - If practical, consider a visit to your new hometown
   - Make arrangements for getting the family to the new home

3. If you're packing yourself, set a packing plan
   - Set aside a room in your house as 'packing central'
   - Buy moving boxes and packing material
   - Start getting rid of stuff you don't need
   - Identify in what order you'll tackle the rooms to be packed
   - Identify a color code for the boxes to help the movers put them in the right rooms in your new home
   - Identify items you will bring with you and not with the movers, like high-value items and valuable paperwork
   - Get a head start by packing nonessential things first

4. Get your paperwork in order
   - Transfer medical and school records
   - Investigate new homeowners and auto insurance policies
   - Forward your mail
   - Set up utilities at the new home

5. Moving with pets
   - Take care of any upcoming shots schedules
   - Arrange transport, including purchase of any animal carriers
   - Keep to a routine as much as possible as you approach moving day