



Watch Out for the 10 Most Forgotten Items

1. **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 your pet. In some cases, a notarized letter is required for official documentation; you may need to contact the American Medical Records Association to determine your needs. Another record you'll need is your child's school record. Often, copies are not sufficient and require a raised seal.



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



3. **Old phone numbers:** Pack phone books from your old residence to take with you. You may think you'll remember the numbers you frequently call now, but more likely you'll spend a fortune on directory assistance.

4. **Taken to the cleaners:** Collect all items that are being cleaned, stored or repaired (for example, dry cleaning, shoes, watches, etc.). Also, return library books, movie rentals and anything else you may have borrowed.

5. **What's your new address?** Keep your new address handy. In preparing for a move, you may forget your new address — important information when forwarding periodicals, mail and credit card bills.

6. **Spick-and-span:** 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. If you are cleaning the home yourself, use up old cleaning products, and throw away the empty containers when you leave.

7. **Keys to success:** Whether it means retrieving keys from neighbors or from under the mat, don't forget to gather all sets of spare keys before you depart.



8. **Remember "Rover":** In most cases, moving companies cannot transport animals or plants. Make arrangements for their safe transfer.

9. **The opener:** Many people often forget to take the electric garage door opener out of their vehicle before leaving. Remember to leave the opener for the new residents.

10. **Bank on it:** It's wise to open a checking account in your new town about a month before your move so that you have immediate access to your funds.