

# THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW HOUSING & INFO NEWSLETTER

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Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for applying to Thomas Jefferson School of Law in America's Finest City, San Diego! Thomas Jefferson School of Law is located in San Diego's historic district of Old Town. Known for its tourist attractions, restaurants, galleries and specialty shops, Old Town is a favorite destination among San Diegans and tourists from around the world. On top of attending a law school with a strong academic program and a close rapport between faculty and students, San Diego offers a year-round exceptional climate and relaxed lifestyle.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law is located in a central area of San Diego County. With its convenient location, you will find it very easy when getting around town in just minutes. That also includes nearby residential areas. You will find our freeways, beaches, shops, and restaurants are also within minutes away.

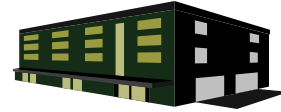
The Student Services Office is here to provide information to assist you when relocating.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the following Student Services staff:

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## WHAT SHOULD I DO TO FIND HOUSING?

Access to the internet is a great start. To find out more about relocating and San Diego in general, go to the *San Diegan* resource book's web site at [www.sandiegan.com](http://www.sandiegan.com). You will find that many neighborhoods have their own flair and charm. If you are looking for a place that is relatively close to school, we recommend the following areas: **Old Town, Mission Hills, Hillcrest, Balboa Park, Northpark, Downtown, Mission Valley, Fashion Valley, Ocean Beach, University Heights, La Jolla, Pacific Beach, Clairemont, Point Loma, Southpark, Golden Hill, Bankers Hill, Normal Heights, Kensington, CrownPoint, Bay Park, Loma Portal, Sunset Cliffs.**

*The San Diego Union-Tribune*.....[www.signonsandiego.com](http://www.signonsandiego.com)  
*San Diego Reader*.....[www.sandiegoreader.com](http://www.sandiegoreader.com)  
*San Diego Apartments*.....[www.sandiegoapartments.com](http://www.sandiegoapartments.com)  
*Rent In San Diego*.....[www.rentinsandiego.com](http://www.rentinsandiego.com)  
*San Diego Apartments, Condos, Townhomes*.....[www.sandiego.com](http://www.sandiego.com)  
*Apartments For Rent*.....[www.forrent.com](http://www.forrent.com)  
*Hotpads*..... [www.hotpads.com](http://www.hotpads.com)  
*Craigs List* ..... [www.craigslist.com](http://www.craigslist.com)  
*New Place*.....[www.mynewplace.com](http://www.mynewplace.com)

## The approximate cost per month living in San Diego:

### Rent

Studio—\$750.00-\$1500.00  
One Bedroom- \$1000.00-\$2000.00  
Two Bedroom- \$1200.00-\$2800.00  
Furnished Corporate One Bedroom- \$1800-\$2200.00

### Electricity

\$25.00- \$50.00

### Internet

\$30.00 \$50.00

### Cable

\$50.00-\$100.00

### Phone-Home

\$20.00-\$50.00

## **PREFERRED STUDENT HOUSING**

### **Clairemont**

Balboa Plaza  
Cabrillo Springs  
Colima Linda  
Coral Bay  
Mesa Village- Clairemont  
Mesa Vista  
Pacific Bay Club  
Padre Gardens- Clairemont  
Villa Mesa

### **Del Mar**

Del Mar Ridge  
Park Place  
Solana Highlands

### **Downtown**

600 F Street  
900 F Street  
Allegro Towers  
Avalon Cortez Hill  
Atria  
Entrada  
Lofts at 655 Sixth  
Lofts at 677 Seventh  
Lofts at 707 Tenth  
Market Street Square  
On Broadway Lofts  
The Mark

### **Hillcrest**

Antone Apts.  
Aspen Park  
Bridgeview- Hillcrestg  
Fourth Avenue Apartments  
Montecito Point  
Nightingale  
Park Diplomat  
Swiss Village  
The Village at Morena Vista

### **Kearny Mesa**

Avion at Spectrum  
Cabrillo Springs  
Colima Linda  
Vista Capri North

### **La Jolla**

La Jolla Canyon  
Regents La Jolla  
Villa La Jolla

### **La Jolla/UTC**

Canyon Park of La Jolla  
Costa Verde Village  
La Jolla Crossroads  
La Jolla International Gardens  
La Jolla Nobel  
La Jolla Park West  
La Regencia  
La Scala Luxury Villas  
Mirada at La Jolla Colony  
Nobel Court  
Pacific Gardens  
Torrey Pines Village  
Trieste  
Village Square  
Villas of the Renaissance

### **Little Italy**

Allegro Towers  
Broadway Lofts  
Camden Tuscany

### **Mission Valley**

Arcadia at Stone Crest Village  
Avion at Spectrum  
The Bluffs II  
Canyon View  
Club River Run  
Coral Bay

El Dorado Hills  
La Mirage  
Mesa Vista  
Mission Pacific  
Missions at Rio Vista  
Montanosa  
Monte Vista  
Padre Gardens  
Portofino  
Prado  
Promenade Rio Vista  
River Front  
Tierrasanta Ridge  
The Village at Morena Vista

### **Northpark**

North Park Properties  
Pacific Gardens

### **Pacific Beach**

Bahia Jewell  
Bay Pointe  
Cedar Shores  
Pacific at Mission Bay

### **Point Loma**

Gables Point Loma  
Loma Village  
Stonewood Gardens  
Summit at Point Loma

## HOTELS



Hotel accommodations are widely available in San Diego. Please mention Thomas Jefferson School of Law when making your reservation for discount.

### ***Courtyard by Marriott Old Town***

2435 Jefferson Street  
San Diego, CA 92110  
Reservations: (800) 321-2211  
[www.sandiegocourtyard.com](http://www.sandiegocourtyard.com)

### ***Best Western Hacienda Hotel***

4041 Harney Street  
San Diego, CA 92110  
Reservations: (800) 888-1991  
[www.haciendahotel-oldtown.com](http://www.haciendahotel-oldtown.com)  
(Please mention "El Presidente Club"  
or code "P021")

### ***Comfort Inn - Airport at Old Town***

1955 San Diego Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92110  
Reservations: (800) 221-2222  
[www.comfortinn.com](http://www.comfortinn.com)

### ***La Quinta Inn San Diego/Old Town***

2380 Moore Street  
San Diego, CA 92110  
(800) 531-5900  
(619) 291-9100  
[www.LQ.com](http://www.LQ.com)

West Park Inn  
1840 4th Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92101  
619-236-1600  
[www.westparkinn.com](http://www.westparkinn.com)

For more hotel information, please log on to [www.sandiegohotels.com](http://www.sandiegohotels.com). The Student Services Office also has brochures on nearby hotels.

## CAR RENTAL



Are you looking to rent a car when you begin searching for your apartment? Thomas Jefferson is offering special corporate class discount rates from **Enterprise Rent-A-Car**. Daily, weekly or monthly rentals are available.

When making your reservations, please mention our corporate class I.D. number, which is **32F1516**. Make your life easier and rent a navigation system also.

The two Enterprise locations nearest Thomas Jefferson are on **1691 Hancock Street**, (619) 294-3313 (one-minute drive from TJSL) and **1327 West Palm Street**, (619) 294-7774 (three-minute drive from TJSL).

The special rates are also offered at any of Enterprise's 375 Southern California locations. You can also make reservations online by logging on to [www.enterprise.com](http://www.enterprise.com).



## ALTERNATIVE LIVING

San Diego not only offers an array of areas to choose from when finding that perfect apartment, but also provides alternative living arrangements. **Vantaggio Suites** in Little Italy ([www.vantaggiosuites.com](http://www.vantaggiosuites.com)) **Note:** These complexes can serve as excellent temporary living while on a waiting list for that perfect apartment or condo.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



The San Diego Trolley welcomes its new route expansion through SDSU with the Mission Valley East Extension on the new green line. As a mode of transportation for over a decade, the trolley is a great way to get around the county. All stations serve as connecting routes to buses. Please look for the **Old Town Transit Center** station on Congress Street. From there, it is a 15-minute walk to Thomas Jefferson.

With the new station at SDSU in the College Area, the trolley also travels as far inland to Santee on the orange line and as far west into downtown San Diego. The blue line travels as far to Qualcomm Stadium in Mission Valley and as far south to the San Ysidro/Tijuana station near Mexico.

For regional transit information, please call (619) 233-3004 or log on to [www.sdcommute.com](http://www.sdcommute.com).

## AMERICA'S FINEST CITY



Labeled as America's Finest City, San Diego has a lot to offer. Located just two hours south of Los Angeles, San Diego is best known for its small town feel, year-round warm climate, beaches, night life, smaller traffic congestions, and overall a relaxed atmosphere.

For more information on what San Diego has to offer from restaurants, arts, music, events, sports, hot spots, hotels, transportation, and shopping, log on to [www.signonsandiego.com](http://www.signonsandiego.com) and click on the "Visitor Guide" link.

## RELOCATING WITH FAMILIES



If you have children and/or family members, Student Services offers information on schools of all levels throughout the San Diego Unified School District. We have information on magnet programs for elementary and secondary level students and child development centers.

For a listing of high schools in the county you can call the San Diego City Schools Eugene Brucker Education Center at (619) 725-8000.

For a list of schools, please log on to [www.sandi.net/comm/schools/dir.htm](http://www.sandi.net/comm/schools/dir.htm). For free child care and elder care information, please log on to [www.careguide.com](http://www.careguide.com).

## LOOKING FOR A ROOMMATE?



Student Services offers information on roommates. Please visit the Student Services Office for access to the roommate listings. Fill out the attached roommate request form and return it to us.

The Thomas Jefferson roommate listings are available for **TJSL STUDENTS AND ALUMNI ONLY**. The listings are updated as needed. For updated listings, please request by e-mail to Julie Garrett at [jgarrett@tjssl.edu](mailto:jgarrett@tjssl.edu).

## NOTE TO PET OWNERS



For free listings of properties that accept pets, please log on to [www.peoplewithpets.com](http://www.peoplewithpets.com). Another valuable web site is [www.pet-friendly-rentals.com](http://www.pet-friendly-rentals.com). However, a fee is required to access their listings.

For pet friendly rental tips, please check out the 13 steps to finding pet friendly rental housing on the Humane Society's web site at [www.hsus.org/acc/13354](http://www.hsus.org/acc/13354).

## WE'RE HERE TO HELP



The Student Services Office is here to assist you in your transition to San Diego and to Thomas Jefferson School of Law. When you visit, please be sure to stop by our office.

We are located on the second floor of the Courtyard Building. Our office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday; and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

# IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS



## “IF AN EMERGENCY, CALL 911”

### **UTILITIES:**

San Diego Gas & Electric.....(800) 411-7343

SBC (phone service).....(800) 310-2355

Time Warner Cable.....(858) 695-3220

*Areas served: Del Mar, La Jolla, Pacific Beach, Rancho Bernardo, University City, Clairemont, Tierrasanta, Poway, Mission Valley (most areas), Rancho Penasquitos.*

Cox Cable.....(619) 262-1122

*Areas served: South Bay including Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, San Ysidro; East County including La Mesa, Santee, El Cajon; Oceanside, Escondido, Vista, College Area, Downtown (most areas), Rancho Santa Fe.*

San Diego Police Department.....(619) 531-2000

Poison Control.....(800) 876-4766

Poison Center.....(619) 543-6000

### **TRANSPORTATION:**

San Diego Transit Bus, Trolley, Coaster.....(800) 262-7837

Amtrak.....(800) 872-7245

Caltrans (freeway conditions).....(800) 427-7623

### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

Enterprise Rent-A-Car\*.....(619) 294-3313 (\*Corporate class I.D. number: **32F1516.**)

Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).....(800) 777-0133

San Diego Convention & Visitors Bureau.....(619) 236-1212

San Diego Beaches Report.....(619) 221-8824

San Diego County Registrar of Voters.....(619) 694-3400

San Diego Union-Tribune Circulation.....(619) 299-4141

Pacific Daylight Time Clock.....(619) 853-1212

United Parcel Service (UPS).....(800) PICK-UPS



### **MORE WEB SITES:**

TJSL Students Intranet Site (accessed from TJSL).....<http://local.students.tjssl.edu>

Student E-mail Access (accessed from outside TJSL).....<http://mail.tjssl.edu/exchange>

Thomas Jefferson Law Review.....[www.tjeffersonlrev.org](http://www.tjeffersonlrev.org)

Student Online Discount Directory.....[www.studentadvantage.com](http://www.studentadvantage.com)

San Diego commuting, carpool, trolley, bus, Coaster train line, maps.....[www.sdcommute.com](http://www.sdcommute.com)

San Diego International Airport.....[www.san.org](http://www.san.org)

San Diego Harbor Excursions.....[www.sdhe.com](http://www.sdhe.com)

San Diego Zoo and San Diego Wild Animal Park.....[www.sandiegozoo.org](http://www.sandiegozoo.org)

Sea World.....[www.seaworld.com](http://www.seaworld.com)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum at Scripps Institute of Oceanography.....[www.aquarium.ucsd.edu](http://www.aquarium.ucsd.edu)

Qualcomm Stadium, home of Chargers, Aztecs.....[www.sandiego.gov/qualcomm](http://www.sandiego.gov/qualcomm)

Petco Park, home ballpark of Padres.....[www.padres.com](http://www.padres.com)

ipayOne Center at the Sports Arena, home of Gulls, concerts.....[www.sandiegoarena.com](http://www.sandiegoarena.com)

# ROOMMATE REQUEST FORM

The Student Services Office provides a roommate listing. The listing is an excellent resource when searching for a compatible roommate or finding that perfect apartment. **Please be advised that signing and submitting this form will authorize the Student Services Office to release this form to prospective roommates. Student Services forwards information to STUDENTS AND ALUMNI ONLY. The Office does not recommend or screen any prospective roommate.**

Please mail this form to:

*Thomas Jefferson School of Law  
Attn: Student Services  
2120 San Diego Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92110*

You also can fax this form to (619) 296-5962, or fill out a roommate application at [www.tjssl.edu](http://www.tjssl.edu). Just click on the "Student Services" link. If you have any questions, please call (619) 297-9700, ext. 1480.

**NOTE: As a courtesy when contacting potential roommates by telephone, please be aware of the time zone. Thank you.**

## I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: Incoming \_\_\_\_\_ : Semester \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

1L \_\_\_\_\_ 2L \_\_\_\_\_ 3L \_\_\_\_\_ Alumnus/na \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Smoker \_\_\_\_\_ Non-smoker \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Work telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

I have a pet: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please indicate what type of pet and specify approximate pounds: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. ROOMMATE PREFERENCE

Please check the following:

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Smoker \_\_\_\_\_ Non-smoker \_\_\_\_\_

Pets okay \_\_\_\_\_ No pets \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify if there are any restrictions on pets: \_\_\_\_\_

(OVER)

**III. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

***(Complete if you are looking for a roommate to share your property.)***

Address of property: \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly rent/utilities: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your property (include all amenities if possible): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

***(Complete if you are looking for property to share.)***

Describe your preferred housing and areas to live (include amenities, utilities, parking, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**IV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Please indicate any other information you feel is pertinent: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**V. UPDATED ROOMMATE LISTINGS**

The roommate listings will be automatically e-mailed to you once this form has been completed and forwarded to Student Services. Updated roommate listings will be forwarded upon request. If you do not have an e-mail address, please print your mailing address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**VI. AUTHORIZATION**

I authorize the Student Services Office of Thomas Jefferson School of Law to place this form in the roommate binder for student review.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# **Choosing a Secure Apartment**

## **Choosing a Secure Apartment Will Help You Sleep at Night**

Any police officer will tell you that they most frequently get called to [apartment complexes](#) about domestic disputes and burglaries. They'll also tell you that there are a number of things you can look for before you even move into an apartment home to ensure your safety. [Choosing a secure apartment](#) can make a big difference in the quality of rest you get at night - and the enjoyment you derive from being at home.

## **Pay Attention to the Application Process**

Did it take an hour or two to complete your rental application? Did they check your references? That's a good sign, however painful it might have been. Thorough screenings are important if you're serious about choosing a secure apartment. How well they screen you will be how well they screen your neighbors.

## **Go with an Upper Floor**

While it's a pain to lug furniture, groceries, and other stuff into the elevator or up and down the stairs, if choosing a secure apartment is your priority, go with an upper floor. Breaking into a first floor apartment sure looks easier to a thief. If it's in your budget, take a look at [high-rise apartments](#).

## **Examine the Outside Areas**

Take a look at any gates and fences. Are there any? If so, are they just for looks, or are you actually getting some security for your money? Trace the steps you'll frequently take from where you'll park your car to your apartment, or other frequent areas, such as your mailbox, the laundry or gym area. How well-lit are they?

## **Examine the Apartment**

Take a careful look at the doors and windows. How thick and sturdy are the doors? How easy is it to open a window from the outside? Does the door have a peephole so you can see who's there before you open it?

## **Talk to Current Residents**

Current residents will know and will probably tell you if there have been a lot of problems. Try to drive around one night after dark and see if there are residents walking around the buildings. If they feel secure, chances are you will too.

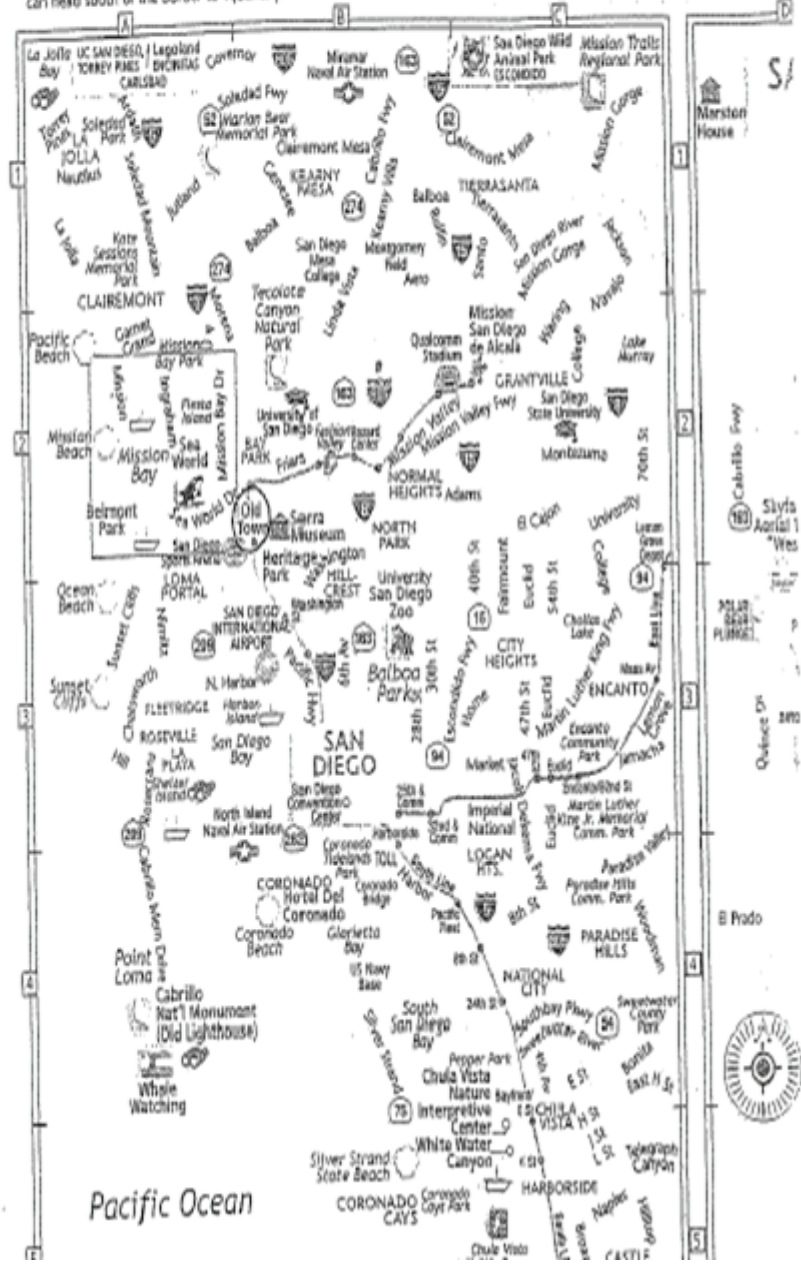
## **Talk to the Management**

Find out if the office will check on your apartment or collect your mail for you during an extended absence.



San Diego's perpetually spring-like weather is perfect for exploring, and for enjoying its stunning coastline. Drive north to chic La Jolla shops, or scuba dive in the underwater park. Mission Bay Park is home to the first Sea World, and San Diego's prime watersport playground. Visit the adobe village at Old Town Historic Park and the Serra Museum for a taste of early settler life. Further south at historic Point Loma, catch the spectacular view of downtown from a 19th-century lighthouse. Bargain-hunters can head south of the border to Tijuana. ¡Bienvenido!

# GREATER SAN BALBOA PARK



## One Month Before Moving

- Pick up a Change-of-Address Kit from the Post Office. Also notify the address change with:  
Friends and family
  - Banks
  - Insurance companies
  - Credit card companies
  - Magazines and newspapers - cancel local newspaper delivery
  - Doctors, dentists and other providers - transfer drug prescriptions
  - Past employer - for W2 forms
- Take a look around the house. Start to think about what you don't want to take with you. Use up perishable foods
  - Sell, donate or hold a garage sale for unwanted items
- Prepare a list of what you want to move. Large appliances?
  - Outside furniture?
- For full service moves: Get written estimates from several moving companies
  - Will the movers pack for you?
  - What items won't they move?
  - Get appraisals of high-value items in case of future claims
- For do-it-yourself moves, make arrangements for truck rental and moving help, and buy packing supplies: Boxes
  - Packing and masking tape
  - Markers
  - Newspapers
  - Twine
- Start packing boxes. Mark boxes clearly as to contents and room to be placed in. Mark "Open First" clearly on boxes containing important items to be unpacked first: Dishes
  - Pots and pans
  - Alarm clock
  - Bedding
  - Special toys
  - Towels
  - Lightbulbs
  - Plates
  - Tools - hammer, pliers, wrench
- Stop by and make arrangements for picking up your important records: Birth
  - Doctor
  - Dentist
  - Legal
  - Optician, optometrist
  - School - make sure you get one with a raised seal
  - Veterinarian
- Close out your bank accounts: Checking
  - Savings
  - Safe Deposit Box
  -

## Two Weeks Before Moving

- Pack your vital documents in one place: Passports
  - Military records
  - Mortgage records
  - Marriage license
  - Birth certificates
  - Vehicle titles
  - Stock certificates
  - Insurance papers
  - Bank records
  - School records
  - Medical records
  - Tax records
  
- Make arrangements to disconnect your utilities. Get refunds for any deposits made. Have meters read. Give new address for them to send their final bill: Cable - return box if necessary
    - Electric
    - Gas
    - Internet access
    - Telephone
    - Water
  
- Make arrangements to connect utilities at your new residence.
- Make arrangements for cleaning
- Inquire about your new state's auto licensing procedure and auto insurance rates.
- Check with your insurance company about transferring coverage to your new home.
- Arrange to have a sitter watch your children at their house on moving day.

## One Week Before Moving

- Dispose or drain any flammable items: Lawn mower gas
  - Paint
  - Aerosol cans
  
- Plan what goes in the car with you: Toys and games for kids
  - Special breakable items or collections
  - Important documents and records
  - Change of clothes and toiletries for your first day
  - Vacuum cleaner - if you want to clean right away
  - Toilet paper
  - First aid kit
  - Food kit with bottled water, cereal, bananas
  
- Make travel arrangements for your pets and plants.
- Purchase moving insurance if you have valuable antiques and collections.
- Have your car tuned up.

## The Day Before Moving

- Defrost, clean and air out your refrigerator.
- Clean your stove.
- Make sure you have payment ready for the mover - they will not unpack without a check. Check your moving company's payment policies.
- Purchase traveler's checks for other possible expenses.
- Pack your former town's phone book for future correspondence.
- Get a simple breakfast ready for the next morning.
- Pick up ice and beverages for moving day.
- Take down curtains and curtain rods.
- Get a good night's sleep

## Moving Day

- Strip your beds. Moving company - will they disassemble?
- Show movers around. Make sure your possessions to be moved are inventoried with them. Write "subject to further inspection for concealed loss or damage" on contract when you sign to protect yourself should you find damage while unpacking.
- Get all keys together. Put in a safe spot.
- Make sure moving van driver has correct address, phone number and directions. Confirm delivery date with him.
- Check all rooms one last time. Remember closets and cupboards, basement and garage! Make sure all windows and doors are locked.

## After Moving

- Explore your new neighborhood. Locate the nearest convenience and hardware store, pharmacy, supermarket, video rental, school and library, etc.
- Check smoke alarm, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguisher.
- If necessary, install a new door lock and/or dead-bolt.
- Update your address information if you haven't done so (driver's license, car registrations, insurance, credit cards, bank accounts, voter registration).
- If you have not received your security deposit, call your landlord to confirm your new address.
- Call the Internal Revenue Service to change your address. You can also visit the IRS online at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).