Preparing For
Your Move

4-6 WEEKS BEFORE:
- ☐ **SORT.** Decide what to keep, what to sell/give away and what to donate.
- ☐ **MOVE ARRANGEMENTS.** Contract with movers/truck rental company.
- ☐ **INVENTORY.** Take photos and create an inventory list.

WEEK OF MOVE:
- ☐ **CHANGE OF ADDRESS.** Notify the post office (usps.gov) and update your address with providers, creditors, and subscriptions.
- ☐ **LICENSING.** Get license, vehicle registrations and insurance in order.
- ☐ **BANKING.** Update your address with you bank and investment accounts.
- ☐ **PACK.** Label each box with the room where it should be delivered.

MOVING DAY:
- ☐ **OLD HOME.** Meet movers/pick up the truck as early as possible.
- ☐ **WALK-THROUGH.** Check closets, cupboards, attic, and basement for left behind items.
- ☐ **ONSITE.** Be available to answer questions and give instructions.
- ☐ **UTILITIES.** Confirm that the utilities have been turned on.

Packing Tips

ESSENTIAL PACKING MATERIALS:
- ☐ furniture pads
- ☐ handtruck or dolly
- ☐ packing tape
- ☐ bubble wrap
- ☐ newspapers or packing paper
- ☐ scissors
- ☐ utility knife
- ☐ labels
- ☐ felt-tip markers
- ☐ cornstarch packing "peanuts"
- ☐ plenty of boxes

HANDY ITEMS:
- ☐ scissors
- ☐ utility knife
- ☐ coffee cups
- ☐ teakettle
- ☐ trash bags
- ☐ water/beverages
- ☐ snacks
- ☐ pencil & paper
- ☐ soap
- ☐ bath towels
- ☐ shelf liner
- ☐ paper plates
- ☐ paper towels
- ☐ toilet paper
- ☐ toys/books

Pack a "first day" box with these items that you will need right away

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Before Closing

When you hit the home stretch, I'll be coordinating all of the details so that you know what to expect. Here's an overview of the process. Timing varies depending on the buyer's lender and loan program, if any.

LENDER UNDERWRITING APPROVAL. If the buyer is obtaining a loan, their lender will issue final loan approval and prepare required documents for signing.

FINAL WALK-THROUGH. The buyer typically has the right to conduct a final walk-through to verify the condition of your home in the five days before closing.

PREPARATION OF CLOSING DOCUMENTS. Loan documents are sent to escrow where the escrow officer will prepare the closing papers and contact the buyer and seller to coordinate signing in front of a notary.

YOUR SIGNING APPOINTMENT. You'll typically sign your closing papers 2-4 days prior to the scheduled closing of your sale and wire funds or notify escrow how you wish to receive sale proceeds.

SET-UP/TRANSFER UTILITIES. This is a good time for the seller to coordinate utility disconnects and final bills so the buyer can set-up utilities in their name.
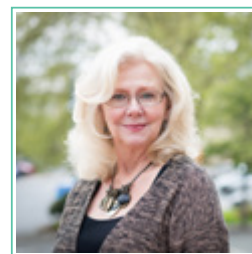
FINAL REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS. The buyer's lender and title company receive the signed documents and review them for accuracy and completeness.

RELEASE TO RECORD. Escrow and buyer's lender confirm all closing conditions have been met and send the deed for electronic recording with the county.

RECORDING NUMBERS RECEIVED. The county will email recording numbers to escrow as soon as the deed is recorded. In some cases, recording numbers are not provided by the county until the following day.

CLOSING. Closing occurs when the deed is recorded and the your proceeds are made available to seller or sent via wire.

POSSESSION. Contractually at 9 pm on the closing date, although keys are often delivered once closing has occurred.

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Electric & Gas

PUGET SOUND ENERGY
pse.com
425-454-2000

SEATTLE CITY LIGHT
seattle.gov/light
206-684-3000

SNOHOMISH PUD
snopud.com
425-783-1000

Cable, Internet & Phone

COMCAST/XFINITY
www.xfinity.com
1-877-824-2288

ZIPLY FIBER
get.ziplyfiber.com
1-833-410-0882

CENTURYLINK
centurylink.com
1-877-299-0946

DIRECTV
directv.com
1-866-810-7892

WAVE INTERNET
wavebroadband.com
1-866-928-3123

Water, Sewer & Garbage

CITY OF BELLEVUE
ci.bellevue.wa.us
425-452-6932

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
ci.issaquah.wa.us
425-837-3070

CITY OF KIRKLAND
kirklandwa.gov
425-587-3150

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND
mercergov.org
206-275-7783

CITY OF REDMOND
redmond.gov
425-556-2152

CITY OF RENTON
rentonwa.gov
425-430-6852

NE SAMMAMISH W/S
nesswd.org
425-868-1144

NORTHSHORE UTILITY DIST
nud.net
425-398-4400

RECOLOGY
recology.com
206-381-6980

REPUBLIC SERVICES
republicservices.com
206-682-9730

SAMMAMISH PLATEAU W/S
spwsd.org
425-392-6256

SEATTLE PUBLIC UTILITIES
seattle.gov/util
206-684-3000

WASTE MANAGEMENT
www.wm.com
1-800-592-9995

WOODINVILLE WATER
woodinvillewater.com
425-487-4100

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PLIA COVERAGE
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1-800-822-3905

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