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Utilities and Services Checklist

Keep Track of Your Bills

In the two months before your move, start keeping track of your bills. If they are emailed to you, make a folder in your email inbox and if they are mailed to you, start making a pile. This way, you will have all the phone numbers and account numbers on hand to transfer your utilities or cancel them before your move.

Set a Date

Set a date for two weeks before to cancel or transfer your utilities. In some cases, you will need to wait for the person vacating the place where you are moving to cancel their utilities so you don't want to start too soon. Block off an hour or two in your day and then start emailing, calling, or mailing to get in touch with the companies and get this part done.

Utilities and Services

Approximately two weeks prior to closing, I will send you a letter with utility company information for your new home. Listed below is a checklist of other utilities and services to contact, as well as a list of places to get acquainted with in your new neighborhood:

Utilities

Cable TV
Electric
Gas
Home Security
Internet
Refuse
Telephone
Water

Services

Address Change: friends and family
Address Change: Post Office
Bank
Car License/Registration
Insurance (auto, homeowners, etc.)

Places

Emergency
Fire
Hospital
Library
Pet Hospital
Police
Post Office
Public Transportation
School District

Know the Rules

There might be specific rules associated with moving into your new home and it is a good idea to do some research ahead of time. You might need to reserve parking or coordinate a special service for move-in day. You can ask neighbors, the management company, or your realtor for help.