

Home Improvement

Smooth Way For Movers

Planning to move this year? If so take the necessary steps to assure that your move will come off with a minimum of confusion and chaos.

Even though the movers will probably be doing most or all of the physical work, there remains much that you can do to make your relocation run smoothly.

MOVING SPECIALISTS suggest this eight-point plan of attack:

1. Decide what is to be moved and either give away or sell of everything else. This is a good time to do a general house-cleaning and discard those items which are of little or no use.

2. Select your mover and agree upon a moving date. Price will be a consideration here, but reputation for complete, reliable and responsible service is more important. Arrange to have a visual estimate made, but remember, it's only an estimate. The final charges will be based on the extent of the services performed, not on what they were estimated to be.

3. Get cleaning and packing chores underway as soon as you can. Begin to collect all the items that need to be cleaned or repacked, such as linens, bedding, curtains, clothing and rugs.

Check the contents of all furniture drawers, being careful to distribute elsewhere the

items in drawers that are heavily loaded (a heavily loaded drawer can cause furniture damage). Separate extra linens and bedding that you will want to have packed.

Collect all spillable or breakable items. Use masking tape to seal the tops of all bottles or jars containing liquids and place them in individual plastic bags.

If you intend to do some of the packing yourself, ask your mover's help in getting proper cartons and be sure to mark on each one the room for which it is intended.

At proper time take down tv antenna, draperies, traverse rods, slide and swing sets, and any other items which are your property, and have them prepared for moving.

4. Take care of all address changes and instruct the post office on forwarding mail. The post office can furnish two types of change — of — address cards, one to publishers for magazines and newspapers and the other to your correspondents, in whatever quantities you will require. Make a list and don't overlook credit cards, insurance, book and record clubs, time payments or the Internal Revenue Service.

5. If you are moving long-distance, arrange the proper handling of all your accounts and the records you will need. It might even be helpful to classify all of your records under medical, financial, insurance, school, church, and others.

6. Handle necessary utility and appliance service arrangements. This is your responsibility, not the mover's. If you have a gas dryer, for example, arrange to have it disconnected at the old residence and hooked up again in your new home.

Be sure that utility services are cut off at the old residence and then resumed on the day you move into your new home.

7. If you are moving out of town, make travel and overnight arrangements before you move. If you have pets, it is important to arrange their shipment by air or express. A veterinarian can help you with these requirements and any necessary immunization required.

House plants cannot be moved on long distance moves, so make arrangements for them, too.

8. There are several other miscellaneous areas to be considered, and these will vary from move to move. For example, if your move is long-distance, you may want to write ahead to the Chamber of Commerce for maps or general information about schools, churches, recreation, industrial and residential locations.

You no doubt will find the move more enjoyable if you plan travel highlights and try to hit the spots along the way to your new home.

STAR FURNITURE CO. has opened this new 20,000 square foot warehouse and showroom at 25525 W. Eight Mile, between Telegraph and Beech-Daly in Redford Township. The new show room, managed by Star Vice President Gene Richards, has 75 completely decorated room settings featuring furniture and appliances for every room in the house. The 25-year-old firm has four other stores — in Dearborn, Westland, Detroit and Roseville.

New Manager At Pulte Homes

Pulte Home Corp., a publicly-held building and development organization with general administrative offices in Southfield, announced the election of Charles R. Eskew of Birmingham to vice president and general manager of its subsidiary firm, Pulte Homes of Michigan Corp.

Eskew, 34, has been general manager of the company's North Potomac Green development in West Bloomfield for the past

Idea Home Lunch Set

Plans for the 1970 parade of idea homes and apartments in the metropolitan Detroit area will be discussed by heads of some 25 residential building firms on Oct. 3.

The meeting was arranged by the Builders Association of Metropolitan Detroit. It will be held with a noon luncheon at BAMD headquarters, One Northland Plaza, Southfield.

Some 25 builders planning "idea homes" for the annual presentation will attend the meeting and discuss details of the openings, which are tentatively set for Jan. 3.

The homes will remain open for six weeks, as a prelude to the 1970 Builders Home, Furniture and Flower Show at Cobo Hall from Feb. 21 through March 1.

HOME OWNERS CORNER

By MARVIN KEMP

Tongues, grooves, and square edges are some of the standard lumber features you encounter as a "handyman". The edges of the hard-wood-finish flooring in your house are tongues and grooves. The tongue along the edge of one flooring strip fits into a groove along the edge of the next one so the whole floor ties together like a

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