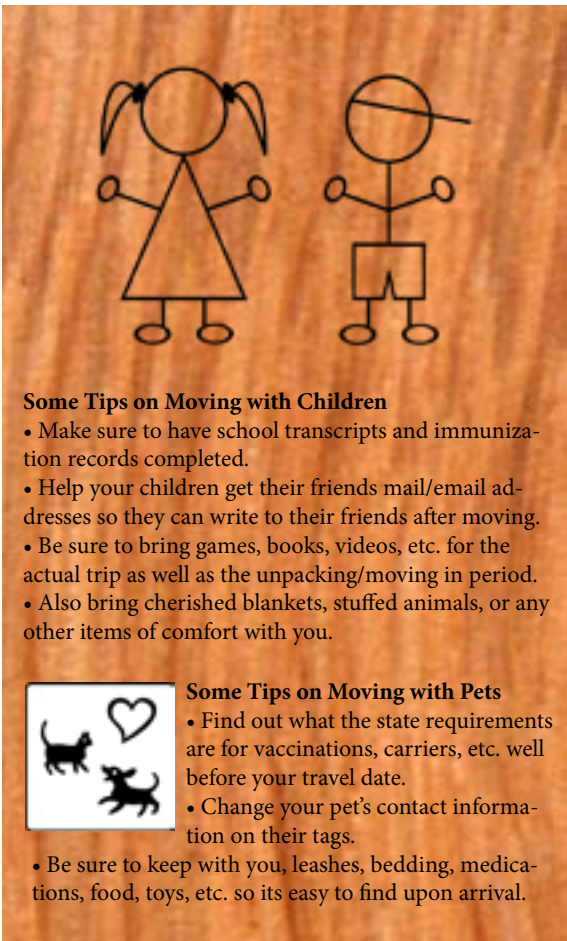




25 Tips on Moving to Alaska AND OTHER ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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Moving can be a stressful event. These tips may help you avoid some of the headaches that arise out of moving to a new home. Alaska is a great state to live in and we look forward to having you here! When you are ready to buy a home in Alaska, Dan can help you search for the home that fits your budget and style. Visit his website to use the MLS search feature, find helpful information on tax values, etc. and to get to know Alaska through his website's Alaskan Towns section.



Some Tips on Moving with Children

- Make sure to have school transcripts and immunization records completed.
- Help your children get their friends mail/email addresses so they can write to their friends after moving.
- Be sure to bring games, books, videos, etc. for the actual trip as well as the unpacking/moving in period.
- Also bring cherished blankets, stuffed animals, or any other items of comfort with you.

Some Tips on Moving with Pets

- Find out what the state requirements are for vaccinations, carriers, etc. well before your travel date.
- Change your pet's contact information on their tags.
- Be sure to keep with you, leashes, bedding, medications, food, toys, etc. so its easy to find upon arrival.

1. Fill out your USPS mail forwarding information and have it ready to submit.
2. Change your mailing address on your magazine and newsletter subscriptions.
3. Organize your important documents and keep them with you. (Birth certificates, deeds, titles, prescriptions, insurance papers, etc.)
4. Find out where your new DMV is located and have your vehicle papers, license, titles, etc. ready.
5. Make an inventory of valuable belongings and have them insured and photographed. Keep your insurance papers and proof of ownership with you.
6. Finalize all your utility bills and arrange for their shut offs.
7. Update your credit card and banking contact information. Be sure to carry some form of cash or traveler's checks in case your credit cards are frozen. It has happened to people travelling away from home, to have their credit card companies think that their cards have been stolen due to charges from a new location.
8. Change your frequent flyer, retail rewards cards, club memberships, etc. contact information. The stores you regularly shop at may have locations in your new hometown.
9. Update your auto, life, health, property, etc. insurance information.
10. Obtain job, rental, and credit references before leaving your old residence.
11. Keep all moving expense receipts organized as they accumulate for future reference and reimbursement and/or tax filing.
12. Pick up and return borrowed items from friends/neighbors in your old community.

Anchorage School District - <http://www.asdk12.org>
 Anchorage Animal Control - http://www.muni.org/Departments/health/animal_control/Pages/animal.aspx
 PET Emergency Treatment - <http://petemergencytreatment.com>
 AK Child Care Program Office - <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/ccare/default.aspx>
 Anchorage Dog Parks - http://www.muni.org/Departments/health/animal_control/Pages/dogparks.aspx



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Alaska DMV Information - <http://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/>

Providence Hospital - <http://alaska.providence.org>

AK Regional Hospital - <http://alaskaregional.com>

AK VA Healthcare - <http://www.alaska.va.gov>

ANMC (BIA Hospital) - <http://www.anmc.org/>

AK Vet Affairs - <http://veterans.alaska.gov/>

Anchorage Police Dept. - <http://www.muni.org/departments/police/pages/default.aspx>

People Mover Buses - <http://www.muni.org/Departments/transit/PeopleMover/Pages/default.aspx>

Yellow Cab - 222-2222 - <http://akyellowcab.com>

Checker Cab - 644-4444 - <http://akcheckercab.com/>

AK Railroad - <http://alaskarailroad.com>

AK Marine Hwy Ferry System - <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs>

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson - <http://www.jber.af.mil>

Anchorage/Mat-Su Craigslist - <http://anchorage.craigslist.org/>

AK Job Centers - <http://www.jobs.state.ak.us/>

AK Seniors & Disabilities Services - <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dsds/Pages/default.aspx>

AK Voter Registration - <http://www.elections.alaska.gov>

AK Fish & Game - <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov>

State of Alaska - <http://alaska.gov/>

Anchorage Parks & Rec - <http://www.muni.org/departments/parks/pages/default.aspx>

13. Keep any medical prescriptions with your important papers. If possible, have them updated and note your former physician's contact information.

14. Mark containers that contain the most needed household goods (toiletries, kitchen utensils)

15. Obtain average utility costs for your new home to avoid a potential budget crisis.

16. Get to know the costs of groceries as well as utilities. Many people are shocked when they visit Alaskan grocery stores and find out their budgets may need to expand.

17. When packing a large household, first set aside items which cannot be replaced, working up to your allotted budget packing the rest in order of importance.

18. Search the local MLS of your new community to get to know what homes are generally selling for in your target market.

19. Watch TV shows, You Tube videos, documentaries, etc. about your new community. This may help you get to know the community you are moving to. Also, use Google Maps' *street view* to "cruise" your new neighborhood before you even arrive!

20. If crime is a concern, you may view local municipal/police data websites containing crime rates and statistics before you decide where you want to reside. Many municipalities and/or states also have sex offender registries which are regarded as public information.

21. If you already have a job secured, but another household member does not yet have a new job in your new hometown, have enough money set aside to fully cover down payments, initial mortgage payments, and/or rent until a second income can be established.

22. Have a garage sales for items you aren't taking with you.

23. Be sure to have your resume completed with your former employers and references' contact information so you are ready for job hunting right away.

24. Get to know potential employers' companies before arriving. Employers may pay more attention to applicants that do their homework.

25. Don't forget to get your pets and children vaccinated. Pets may not be able to travel w/o vaccination papers and children may not attend new schools or day cares w/o their vaccination records.

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