FOR A SUCCESSFUL MOVE

UTILITIES

The goal is to turn off utilities, including gas, electric and water at your current residence shortly after closing the sale and/or departing the premises.

Then, you need to turn them on at your new dwelling – ideally prior to move in.

DRIVERS LICENSE

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Don't forget to update your Drivers License with your new address! Scan the QR code below to quickly order your updated Texas ID.



HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

You should file the application with your local CAD no later than April 30th. The process is FREE. Just print the form for the Homestead Exemption on your county Central Appraisal District (CAD) site or file online if that option is available. If you have any questions about

your homestead exemption for property tax purposes, or any other exemption which may be available to you, please contact your County Appraisal District.

UPDATE MAILING ADDRESS

Change Your Address with the Post Office. One of the first things you should do is change your address with the post office so all of your mail will go to your new home instead of your old address. This can easily be done online or in person at your local post office. A Transfer on Death Deed (TODD) is a simple way to transfer real estate to someone else after you die. With a properly recorded Transfer on Death Deed, no probate is needed to transfer the real property.

TODD

Independence

If you don't have a will or a Transfer on Death Deed, your real estate must go through the probate court and your property will pass to your heirs according to Texas law. With a TODD you can avoid probate and decide in advance who should inherit your real property interest.

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