

SUGGESTED COUNTDOWN FOR COMMERCIAL RELOCATIONS

The following is a suggested checklist for lead-time and tasks associated with relocating your company. We urge each organization to study its' own situation and use this information as a guide.

LEADTIME

1 YEAR

	Issue a letter designating the Move Coordinator as the person responsible for management of the move.	
	Appoint one Department Coordinator from each department.	
	Send a form to all department heads and ask them to list all of their employees, by classification.	
	Determine the number of employees that will move to new location.	
	Review the MIS Director's special needs and concerns for information systems.	
11 MO	11 MONTHS	
	Make a complete inventory of all furniture moving to new location.	

Meet with the mover to discuss the move and present him with an inventory of all furniture and equipment to be moved. Show the loading dock, elevators, exits, etc. Request a cost estimate and outline of how they propose to accomplish the move.

10 Months

Notify mover of their selection to handle the move. Mid-West Moving & Storage will be thrilled to handle your relocation!

8 Months

- Assign names to all offices
 Select carpet, paint and other new office amenities.
 6 Months
 Order furniture for cafeteria, lounges, executive offices and the recreation areas.
- Call a meeting of all Department Coordinators and review the progress of the move.
- Notify the communications department of any furniture to be relocated.



5 MONTHS			
	Make plans to move all employees that are not moving to new location.		
4 MONTHS			
	Prepare a list of furniture that needs refinishing before move-in.		
	Refinish all furniture that does not meet your minimum standards.		
	Set a move date with the mover. Mid-West Moving & Storage will be ready to accommodate your every need.		
3 MONTHS			
	Prepare a moving instruction sheet to distribute to all employees that are moving.		
2 MONTHS			
	Develop an identification system with your movers help. Mid-West Moving & Storage has a system in place.		
	Arrange with building office for exclusive use of elevators during the move.		
	Meet all Department Coordinators on the move and review their assignments.		
	Move Coordinator contacts all Department Coordinators on their assigned areas to review furniture layouts		
6 WEEKS			
	Mount five prints of each floor on cardboard and give one to each of the following: Move Coordinator, Department Coordinator, Communications Department, MIS Director and the Mover.		
4 WEEKS			
	Move Coordinator assigns numbers and color labels and distributes instruction sheets to each employee.		
	Order cartons or packing containers for use during move.		
	Enlarge copies of floor plan. Cut and hang a copy in central areas at the new facility to use as a guide for arranging furniture.		
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	Move all books and shelving to the new location.		
	Meet with all Department Coordinators to advise them of the final plans and review the services at the new location, including cafeteria, parking, building passes, move schedule, etc. Your moving company is to participate in this meeting.		
2 WE	FKS		



	Move all furniture to new quarters.	
	Arrange with the building management to operate the air conditioning system during move-in if applicable.	
	Arrange for security guards and telephones at each building for use during move-in if required.	
	Make a detailed list of all rooms in the order that they are to be moved from the present building. This makes it possible to ship the furniture to the new location in the proper order.	
	Make a list of office service employees and Department Coordinators involved in the move, showing their home and cellphone numbers.	
	Relocate departments that are not moving to the new location	
1 WEEK		
	Label all furniture and equipment with the proper color labels and numbers.	
	Schedule the move of EDP and telephone equipment.	
	Department Coordinators install direction signs and arrows in the new quarters.	
	Make a work schedule for Department Coordinators during the move-in.	
MOVE-IN		
	The Move Coordinator supervises the move.	
	Each Department Coordinator is to be on the job when his department is being moved to assist in location furniture within the offices. Only authorized personnel are allowed in the building during the move.	
DAY	DAY FOLLOWING THE MOVE	
	Office employees report for work to unpack their own offices, files, and storage areas and return empty boxes / crates to storage or a holding area.	
	Office service employees arrange furniture, install whiteboards, hang pictures and clocks, and prepare the offices for a normal workday.	
2 DAYS FOLLOWING THE MOVE		
	Moving crew to perform post move (optional) changes not anticipated in primary plan.	
	Rearrange furniture as necessary. Breakdown and store empty boxes. Return surplus furniture to storage.	