



## Credit card relocation checklist

What do to before, during and after your move to guard your credit cards, your credit score. See related story: <http://www.creditcards.com/credit-card-news/credit-card-move-relocate-3716.php>

### Before the move

- Cancel automatic billing or deductions for services you won't use after the move.

Canceled? ✓	Type of service (gym, Internet, utility, etc.)	Contact name, number	Notes

- Add automatic bill pay services for credit cards so you don't miss a payment.

Added? ✓	Card / issuer name, minimum payment amount	Contact name, number	Notes

To calculate the appropriate minimum payment, go to <http://www.creditcards.com/calculators/minimum-payment.php>

- Contact banks and credit card companies online or by phone to update your address.

Address updated? ✓	Card / issuer name	Contact name, number	Notes

- Create a budget for moving expenses such as trucks and insurance, boxes, cleaning services and utility hookups so you're not stuck paying for such services long after you've settled into your new place.

**During the move**

- Keep a master list of phone and Web addresses for your credit and bank accounts.

Added? ✓	Card / bank name	Contact name, number	Web address

- Keep your financial records with you.
- Be sure you've thoroughly cleaned your old house and haven't left any important financial documents behind.
- Consider providing your new address to the next tenants so they can forward important documents to you.

**After the move**

- Consider adding one or two credit or store card accounts.
- Close any credit accounts you don't use and don't want over the course of several months.
- Monitor your statements to make sure you're no longer being charged for services you've cancelled.