



STEP 14 to Selling Your Home

Notify Utilities and Home Owners Insurance

This is one of those annoying tasks that no one thinks about doing ahead of time, but is crucial. You don't want to forget and end up paying the buyer's electricity bill for the first month. So, call now to let the utility companies know that you're moving. Ask to have all utilities taken out of your name the day of closing. As part of your Purchase & Sale Agreement there was a Utilities Addendum included (NWMLS FORM 22K) this lists all your 'lienable' utilities and may also include other utilities. This form was provided to the closing office to pay your final utilities bill on ONLY the utilities that have 'lien rights'....it does NOT however, take your name off the billing. You'll also want to call your TV and internet provider as well. Have all the utilities stop on the day of closing. If you have a security system, schedule it to be shut off the day before closing. Be sure to provide the utilities with your forwarding address, in case there are any refunds or deposits that should be returned to you.

If you're moving to a new home, transfer the utilities to your new home instead of canceling them.

Don't forget to inform your Home Owners Insurance!