



Moving Tips

FLYING THROUGH YOUR MOVE

A GUIDE FOR TAKING THE HEADACHE OUT OF MOVING YOUR HOME

Prior to your move . . .

- GIVE away, sell, discard unnecessary possessions.
- ADVISE post office and complete change of address cards.
- OBTAIN school records for new school.
- NOTIFY insurance agent and transfer or arrange coverage for new home.
- SEND out all items for cleaning or for needed repair.
- DISPOSE of flammable items.
- ARRANGE to have all utilities shut off at your old house and connected at your one. Have meters read.
- SCHEDULE telephone cancellation or transfer for the last possible moment on moving day.
- CLEAN all drapes, rugs, and floors.
- DEFROST and clean refrigerator, clean stove.
- ORGANIZE work that has to be completed at your new home.
- OBTAIN appraisals for any items of value in case you need to make an insurance claim from the moving company. Photos or videos are great!
- ARRANGE to discontinue services (cleaning, pool maintenance, etc.).
- NOTIFY financial organizations, medical practitioners, credit card companies, etc., of your move.
- ASCERTAIN that adequate insurance for all your household goods is in place while goods are in transit or storage.

Storing and packing . . .

- NEEDED - packing paper, pads for inventory, markers, heavy twine, masking tape, boxes, and containers.
- EMPTY gas tanks from lawn mowers, gas grill, etc.
- REMOVE batteries from appliances and toys.

- MARK boxes clearly specifying room for placement.
- SET aside items you will transport in the car.
- KEEP a telephone book with you.
- TIE or tape brooms and mops together and bundle your curtain rods.
- CLEARLY mark all fragile and delicate items.
- CARRY all jewelry, valuable papers, and currency with you.
- ENSURE that tops on all liquids in bottles are secured.
- CRATE glass table tops, large mirrors, and any valuable pictures.
- PACK all books on edge in small boxes.
- LIMIT carton weight to 60 pounds.
- LAMP shades should be packed in individual boxes.
- MAKE sure heavy china items are placed at the bottom of the box with extra padding.
- SMALL items should be placed in a smaller box inside a large box.
- DISMANTLE large power tools before moving.
- REMOVE fixtures that are fastened to the wall.
- PACK clothes and drapes in a wardrobe supplied by the mover.
- AVOID overloading drawers when packing items in dressers.
- DO NOT pack cleaning products in boxes where food is packed.
- DO NOT use newspapers for packing as the ink may stain.
- DO NOT leave shelves loose in stove.

On moving day . . .

- HAVE friends or relatives take care of the children and pets.
- CHECK and number all boxes.
- CHECK each carton for loss or damage.
- PREPARE a list of damaged or lost articles.
- SET up bedrooms and kitchen first.
- KEEP a tool kit handy.

Pointers for arranging your move

- OBTAIN two or three estimates for your move and compare the services offered.
- HAVE the contents of your home viewed by a qualified estimator and obtain a written estimate.
- BOOK your move as far in advance as possible even if, in the case of a new home, your closing date is not firm. Most movers can be flexible with proper notice.
- AVOID scheduling your move for the end of the month as this is the busy period for movers.
- PRIOR to entering into a contract with a mover, make sure you determine what liability the mover will assume in the event of loss or damage. You may find it necessary to make special insurance arrangements.

- IT is advisable to have your goods packed by the mover. They are professionals and know how to properly handle and ship your belongings. Ask the mover for the cost of their packing service.
- CONFIRM arrangements with the mover a day or two before the move to avoid any last minute difficulties. Make sure the mover has specific directions for picking up your goods.

And finally . . .

Moving your home can be a very stressful experience to say the least! Irreplaceable family pictures - one of a kind china sets - business records - items you care about and do not want lost or damaged. Pick a moving company that you can trust.

Take CAUTION...

- A mover whose estimate is far below that of your other estimates may spell T-R-O-U-B-L-E.
- DAMAGE to goods you pack are your responsibility not the mover's, unless the mover has been negligent in the care of the boxes.
- DON'T sign documentation without fully understanding what you are signing.

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