

Household Moving Tips

8 Weeks Prior to the BIG Move

- Declutter Household-** Minimize the items you are moving by donating and getting rid of unwanted items
- Search for expert movers-** Ask your top-rated moving companies for a free in-home quote
- Gather your important documents-** Place all important documents like health records, passports, legal documents, birth certificates, and insurance information in a safe place.
- Order new furniture and appliances-** Shop and place your order for new furniture and appliances so it will be delivered before you move in to your new home

6 Weeks Prior

- Specialty Movers-** Look into hiring specialty movers for extremely heavy items, or valuable items such as fine art, pianos, and gun safes
- Inquire about mover's insurance-** Make sure you have adequate liability coverage from your moving company to cover the value of any items accidentally damaged. You can also purchase additional insurance from a third-party provider.
- Contact Educational Institutions-** Advise your children's old and new schools about the upcoming move to ensure a smooth transition. Make sure to gather all transfer and enrollment records.
- Book a pet sitter or make boarding plans-** While moving, your pets need to be taken care of. Are you thinking about asking a family member, friend, or a boarding facility to keep your fur baby? Book or arrange this appointment now.
- Gather all packing essentials-** Ensure that you have enough packing items such as quality boxes, scissors, packing tape, markers, labels, bubble wrap, plain wrapping paper, and packing peanuts. You can also reduce the stress of packing by allowing your expert movers to do this for you. Check with your mover about their packing and unpacking cost.

4 Weeks Prior

- Early Packing-** Start packing all of those items you will not need ahead of time.
- Disassembling-** If you choose to disassemble any household items make sure to place all screws, and brackets in a zipped plastic bag. Attach the bag with tape to any surface that won't easily get damaged by the tape. If you have no desire to disassemble and reassemble your items, you can ask your expert movers about this service **(This may be an additional cost or not)**,
- Notify companies about change of address-** You want to ensure that all important companies such as [Department of Motor Vehicle](#), banks, and credit card companies have been notified in a timely manner. Make sure that you do not forget to contact the [USPS](#) to have your mail forwarded from your old address, to your new home address.
- Yard Sale-** Why not have a yard sale to earn some extra cash and get rid of unwanted household items.

2 Weeks Prior

- Start packing household items-** Avoid mixing items from various rooms in the same box. Due to the heavy nature of books, only use small boxes. Only use non-printed paper to wrap your dishes and always stack your dishes upright when packing. Remember, to use small boxes for heavy items. Lastly, clearly label the top and side of the boxes and securely tape them up.
- Verify dates-** Contact your moving company, new furniture company,
- appliance company, utility company, and pet sitter/ boarding facility to ensure everything is on schedule.
- Prepare your first night move bag-** Pack those belongings such as a change of clothing, linen, health and beauty items, medical necessities, and snacks that you are going to need for the night of your move.
- Pack up food items in your cabinets and pantry-** Clear out your cabinets and pantry. Discard any expired food or donate food items you no longer wish to take with you.

Your Final Moving Day

- Defrost your refrigerator/ freezer-** Make sure you have fully defrosted and cleaned your refrigerator and or freezer. Place perishable foods in coolers to safely transport to your new home.
- Final walk-through of old home-** Thoroughly inspect every room including the basement and attic to check for items that you may have forgotten to pack.
- Plan to be at your new home prior to the movers arriving-** It is helpful to map out which room you prefer your movers to place your items.
- Keep your valuables with you!** Is it important to keep items such as fine and expensive jewelry, heirlooms, prescriptions, checkbooks, cash, and credit cards with you to avoid the items from being misplaced.

After Your Move

- Online review.** Kindly leave a review online for your moving company sharing your experience
- Celebrate!** Moving can be very stressful at times. Hire the best mover to ensure your moving day goes smoothly and celebrate your big accomplishment!