

MOVING TIPS

You have a big move in the horizon. Perhaps you've been in the same house for 25 years. It's a big job. That's why we've prepared this tip sheet to help you through the moving process.

Don't wait until the last minute to **book a mover**. You do not need a move date to get an estimate!

Six weeks before moving (minimum!) start going through your home and **purge**. Organize what you're keeping; sell, donate or discard the rest. Purging can be a big job - get help!

Create a **Moving Binder / folder** to track all your receipts, critical information and inventory lists.

A month before your move start using up **items in your freezer and pantry** so you don't have to move them.

Before taking them apart, **take pictures of the back of your electronic devices**. These photos will make it easier to set up your monitor or TV or as soon as you move in.

If you have a lot of **fragile valuables** consider hiring movers. A **piano**, for example, isn't something you should try to move by yourself.

Remember to **defrost your refrigerator** at least a day before moving and wipe up any liquid. Otherwise you'll have a stinky, wet mess when you get to your new home.

For same-city moves, you may want to **hire someone to watch/take your pets**. The last thing you need is to be worrying about losing track of your dogs or cats on this stressful day!

Movers will not move OR take apart large items like a **BowFlex** - you will have to do that yourself.

Movers will not move your **outdoor play structure** unless it's taken apart.

Washers and dryers must be disconnected from the wall, and all tubes/plugs packed before the movers arrive.

Take down any pictures, fixtures or photos **hanging from the wall** before the movers arrive.

If you are moving in to a condo, **check the elevator restrictions**: time slots may be very tight-and brief!

Keep **valuables** such as jewelery, money,important documents and photos with you. Don't pack them for moving.

Remove your BBQ's **propane tank** and take it yourself. As temperatures change, tanks can leak or explode when left in a moving truck.

After emptying your freezer of food, keep the door open at least 24 hrs before moving. This will allow the **freezer to dry out/air out**, and prevents mold.

After you **empty your refrigerator**, keep the doors open at least 24 hrs before moving. This will allow the fridge to dry out, air out, and prevent mold.

For same-city moves, consider hiring a **sitter for the children**. The last thing you need is to lose track of your kids on this stressful day.

Before your movers arrive, make sure to have your **gas-fueled BBQ** disconnected from the wall.

Movers will not move your **trampoline** unless it's taken apart.

Movers will not move OR take apart **large items** like commercial-sized elliptical machines. You will have to take it apart yourself.

Moving in winter? Keep **objects that can't be frozen** with you. Do not ask the movers to put them in the truck.



**If you find the process overwhelming
and you need a little help (or a lot!)
-I'm a call away. We love packing!**



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