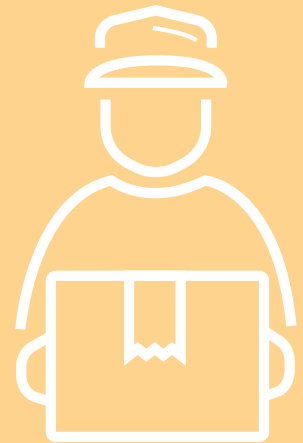


Your Guide To Moving Like A Pro.



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Is there anything worse than moving?

Well, other than maybe the process of getting a mortgage? Just kidding. While it is true that moving is not a fun undertaking, it doesn't have to be painful. We've got your back! We are sharing some of our best moving tips to make the day less stressful:

Get Packed Up

You know that adage, you eat an elephant one bite at a time? Well, you might need to keep reminding yourself of this while packing otherwise it can get overwhelming. One room at a time, one cabinet at a time, one box at a time; you got this!

Tools you will need:

- **Boxes**
- **Marker**
- **Packing Tape**
- **Tape Dispenser (trust us, you will want one)**
- **Bubble wrap or newspaper**
- **Dust wipes (there is no sense in moving dust and dirt with you)**

- 1)** Start by packing up the items you won't use between now and the time you move.
- 2)** Save items that you use daily, like your everyday dishes, hair dryer, electric razor, etc. for last.
- 3)** Mark each box with the room it will need to be moved into in your new place. Don't use some cute secret code- write largely on the box so anyone helping you move knows where to place it.

Moving Day Prep

It is going to be a hectic day so be good to your future self and do a few things in advance to make it less stressful.

Pack an overnight bag including:

- pajamas
- toiletries
- hand soap
- change of clothes
- clean towel/ wash cloth
- charger
- first aid kit (this is never a bad idea)

Just think, unpacking a box when you need toilet paper could really be a mess (literally and figuratively). Some things you will want in this tool kit:

Pack a moving tool kit:

- toilet paper
- multi surface cleaner
- light bulbs
- box cutter/scissors
- shower curtain liner
- trash bags
- paper towels
- disposable plates, cups, and utensils

Moving Day

Use up what you have- instead of doing a full grocery shop before the move, go through your cabinets and freezer to use up what you already have. If you don't then you will just end up having to move it to your new place or throw it out.

Set up utilities in your name- Water and electric are essential for moving day but you may want to consider securing internet, trash, phone and cable.

Ensure your kids and pets are taken care of- If your kids and/or pets will be with you during the move; ask a trusted friend to stick with them. There will be a lot of distractions and stress throughout the day so having someone else responsible for their safety will not only safeguard them but will help put your mind at ease. Don't forget to have food and water for them!

Empty your fridge- use a cooler to store frozen and refrigerated items during the move. You will want to save this as one of the last things you do before you begin moving into your new place.

Pack a cooler for the day- make sure you have easy access to water and snacks throughout the day. Hunger will make the best of us edgy.

Don't forget to do a final walk through- check all drawers and cabinets to make sure you didn't leave anything behind.

For more moving day tips, check out our blog about how to conquer the chaos and make moving a breeze!