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## TIPS FOR AN EASIER MOVE

If this is your first move or you have not moved in a long time, expect a very exciting and time consuming process ahead.



These tips are designed to help you avoid some common moving mistakes to ensure your move is hassle free.

### **1. Start smart, plan your move!**

Write everything down! This might seem a bit excessive, but it is recommended you write down the contents of each box. List the contents right on the box. Designate a place in your home called “Packing Central”. This is where you'll place and store your moving materials like labels, marking pens, boxes, box tape and other supplies.

### **2. Stock up on supplies.**

You'll need LOTS of boxes! (If you buy your boxes from a moving company, you can always return unused boxes for a refund.) Set aside 10 or so boxes to pack up last minute items on moving day, such as bedding, clothing and toiletries. You'll need more supplies than you think, so get extra.

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### **3. Color-coordinate your move.**

Designate a color for each room in your new home. Then apply color-coded stickers on each box. In your new home, place a matching sticker on the door to each room. This way the movers will know where to put everything once they arrive at the new home.

### **4. Pack ahead.**

Pack ahead of time, leaving only your bare essentials, box up as much as you can. For most, the closer to moving day, the more hectic life becomes. Try to get as much packed ahead of time as possible. Moving day will arrive sooner than you think!

### **5. Use your luggage.**

Put your luggage to good use by filling each piece of luggage and all duffel bags with clothing, sheets, towels, and paper goods.

### **6. Protect your valuables and fragile items.**

It's a good idea to keep valuable possessions, such as silverware, heirlooms, or antiques, with you. Be sure to take care of fragile items. Oftentimes movers can be careless, and moving companies likely won't reimburse you the full value of your damaged items. Also, check your homeowner's insurance policy to see how you are covered during the move. Ask the mover about extra insurance. Also, find out what paperwork (receipts, appraisals, and photos) you might need to file a claim in case of loss.

### **7. Safeguard important documents.**

School records, medical records, birth certificates, passports, recent bank records, Wills, and other personal information. Bring them with you in your vehicle. Keep mover information close at hand like the company telephone number and drivers' cell phone numbers in case you encounter a problem.

**Try to enjoy the experience and good luck in  
your new home!**