



Moving Tips Kit

Tips and Tricks to Make Your Moving Day Easier



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“If we were meant to stay in one place, we would have roots instead of feet.

- Rachel Wolchin

Moving does not have to be overwhelming. Planning and organizing will save time, money, and stress.

MortgageRight offers tips to help you get prepared to move into a new home. We hope that these tips and lists will help you achieve the dream of homeownership with a little less stress.

Happy Moving Day!



Questions to Ask a Moving Company



How long has the company been in business?

How many years experience do the drivers and packers have?

Are the workers bonded?

Are they licensed with the state's Department of Transportation?

If you are moving a long distance, are they licensed for interstate moves?

If you need storage, ask if they provide it.

What happens if something is damaged in the move?

Six Weeks Before Moving

Moving out of town? Make travel arrangements and hotel reservations, if needed.

If you have children, notify current schools and contact new schools for enrollment information. Obtain copies of school records, or request they be forwarded directly to new schools.

Ask doctors to recommend doctors in your new community. Obtain medical records for each family member.

Notify house, car, medical, and other insurance companies of move, and determine if changes are necessary.



1 Month Before Moving



Contact utility companies and arrange for the transfer of services. Ask for a new service to be activated a few days before arrival at your new home.

These include:

- *Electricity*
- *Gas*
- *Water*
- *Sewer*
- *Trash and recycling pick up*
- *Internet service*
- *Cable/satellite television*
- *Security system*

Change Your Address

Begin making a list of mail received, contacting organizations as you receive that mail, assuring you make all address changes. Change your address with the following:

- *Post office*
- *Social Security Administration*
- *IRS (form 8822)*
- *Retirement plan providers*
- *Department of Motor Vehicles*
- *Schools and child care providers*
- *Cell phone provider*
- *Insurance providers*
- *Banks and Investment Companies*
- *Family members and friends*
- *Doctors and dentists*
- *Pharmacy*



Preparing to Pack



If you will be packing, gather the materials you will need ahead of time to make the process easier:

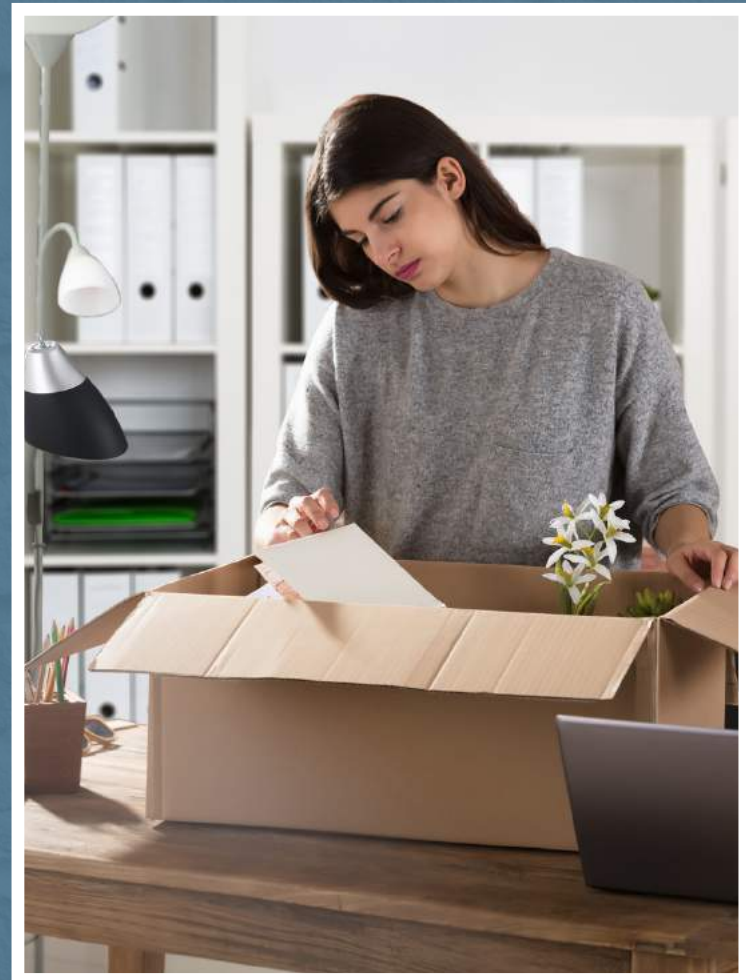
- *Moving boxes*
- *Plastic bins for basement or attic storage*
- *Packing tape*
- *Labels and other packing materials*
- *Markers – wide tipped*
- *Scissors and utility knives*
- *Packing material, such as newspaper, bubble wrap, and peanuts.*
- *Foam packing kits for glassware and dishes*
- *Blankets or padding*
- *Sandwich bags for hardware when disassembling furniture*
- *Large trash bags*

Packing Important Items

Pack a separate box for each room with important items you may need immediately upon arriving at your new home. Mark them with special labels to easily identify.

For the Kitchen:

- Dish detergent
- Coffee maker and tea kettle
- Disposable plates, cups, and flatware
- Trash bags, baggies, and aluminum foil
- Scissors
- Frying pan and spatula
- Pet food and bowls



Packing Important Items



For the Bathroom:

- First aid kit: band-aids, hydrogen peroxide, aspirin
- Shower curtain and rings
- Bath mat, towels, and washcloths
- Soap and shampoo
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Hairdryer

Tools to Have On Hand:

- Batteries and flashlights
- Tape measure, screwdrivers (phillips and flat head)
- Utility knife, duct tape, and electrical tape
- Picture hangers and level

Packing Tips

- Begin packing non-essential items in each room, such as the attic, utility room, garage, basement, etc.
- If you are using professional movers, let them pack delicate items.
- Pack one room at a time. This will help you stay focused and make unpacking easier.
- Clearly label each box. Include your name, the box's contents, and "Fragile" if contents are breakable.
- Mark which room the box needs to be delivered to. Perhaps use a different color label for each room.
- Use small boxes for heavy items and larger boxes for light items. Place heavier items in the bottom of the box with lighter items on top.



Packing Tips (cont'd)

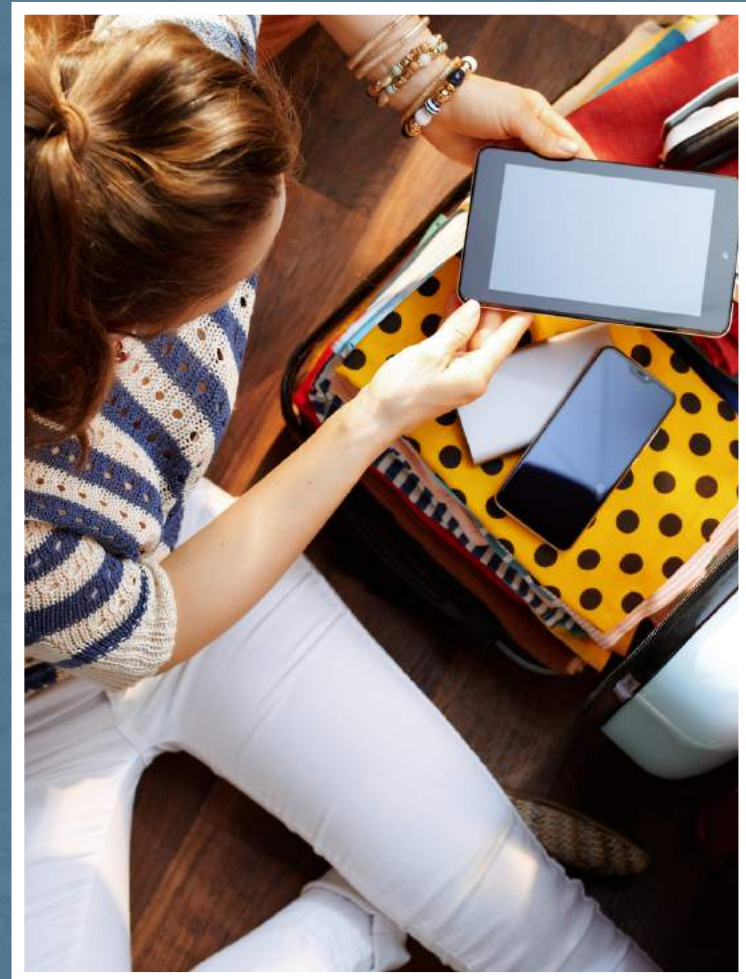


- Pack clothing and linens in suitcases.
- Never pack combustibles or flammables.
- When packing boxes, confirm the bottom of the box is stable, adding tape if necessary.
- Pad the bottom of the box with bubble wrap or crumpled paper to form a cushion.
- Stuffing extra paper into corners will help protect the contents if a box is dropped.
- Wrap each item in paper towels or soft t-shirts with paper in between each item.
- Fill each box, preventing them from collapsing when stacked.
- Pack important papers, such as birth certificates, passports, financial records, and social security cards in boxes, and keep with you for security.

Packing Electronics

When packing electronic equipment, use sandwich bags to keep cords, attachments, and remote controls organized for each piece of equipment. As you unplug cords, place small colored stickers on each cord and the same color where the cord connects to the equipment

Take a picture before unplugging audio/visual equipment to refer to when setting up in your new home. Let equipment cool down to temperature before plugging it in.



Packing Fragile Kitchen Items



China and dishes should be packed in cartons made especially for that purpose. Place one plate in the center of a stack of packing paper. Pull corners of three sheets of paper to the middle of the plate, covering it completely. Stack two more plates following those steps. Wrap the entire stack and tape. Place the bundle in a small box on the edge of a thick layer of paper or bubble wrap. Stuff the top and all four sides with paper and tape shut. Label boxes "Fragile, This Side Up."

Cups and glasses should be stuffed gently with wadded-up packing paper. Wrap stems and handles with paper, then wrap each piece individually. Pack cups, glasses, and stemware upright. Liquor boxes with dividers work well. Label boxes "Fragile, This Side Up."

1 Week Before Moving

- Confirm movers start time
- Provide movers with directions, and addresses to current and new homes, and cell phone numbers.
- Arrange payment for movers.
- If you are packing, finish packing as many boxes as possible.
- Recruit friends or family to assist on moving day with unexpected errands, delivering lunch, and answering mover's questions.
- Begin packing suitcases for family members. Include important papers, jewelry, as much clothing as you may need for the duration of the move. Don't forget chargers for computers and smartphones.



1 Week Before Moving (cont'd)



Children and Pets

Make arrangements for child care and pet sitting for the day of the move. There will be more activity than children and pets need to be exposed to on moving day. It will save you stress and be safer for them.

If you have pets, securely attach an ID collar with their name and your new contact information. If you are traveling a long distance, be prepared if your pet gets carsick. Make frequent stops for your pet to eat, drink, and stretch.

Once you arrive, allow your pets to explore the new home. If they seem uncomfortable, confine them to one room with water, food, their bed, and a favorite toy for a day or two.

1 Day Before Moving

Review all of your lists to identify anything you may have missed. Check basements, attics, and storage buildings for items you may have forgotten to pack. Make sure all devices are charged. Try to get some rest.

Do a walkthrough of every room to make sure boxes are sealed and properly labeled. Disassemble bed frames that are not in use to save money and time on moving day. Remember to take down wall art and roll up hallway and kitchen rugs.

Unpacking always takes longer than expected, so make sure to pack personal essentials, such as prescriptions, contacts, and toiletries for at least three days, depending on the length of your move.



Moving Day



Get Up Early - You Won't Regret It!

- Be available to accompany the mover as he inventories each room, then stay visible for questions throughout the day.
- Take all garbage outside.
- For long-distance moves, sign the bill of lading, checking that address and phone numbers are correct. Keep these in a safe place.
- Before movers pull off, do a final walkthrough to confirm everything is loaded.
- Check drawer under stove, pantry, refrigerator, freezer, all cabinets and drawers, bathroom cabinets, closets, attic, crawl space, and under porches and decks.
- Turn off the lights and lock the doors.

Moving Into Your New Home!

- Be prepared to make the final payment to the moving company.
- Review all paperwork from the movers.
- Ask for help guiding the movers to the correct room with boxes and furniture.
- Ask movers to place oversized and heavy furniture before they leave.
- If you discover damage while unpacking, leave the carton packed until a representative can inspect it.
- Avoid the temptation to begin randomly unpacking.
- Begin with the bathrooms, make your bed, then get your children's bedrooms in order. Pace yourself, it will not all happen at once. Staying calm keeps your spouse, your children, and your pets calm, which keeps you calmer!



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