



### Moving tips that will make your life so much easier

- Get standard sized boxes, number each one and create a list of what's in them and which room they're heading to. They neatly stack in the truck/trailer and in the new house making it easy to pack n stack.
- Banana boxes from your local supermarket are perfect for this, They are sturdy, stack well, come with a lid, have built in carry handles and are usually free.
- Put the bed(s) up first - after a long day, a good rest really helps the next day!
- Pack an overnight bag containing all the essentials.
- If you have any clear plastic bins, pack the items you will need FIRST so you can see what's in them and where they should go.
- Wrap your breakables (dishes, glasses, etc.) in clothing to save on bubble wrap. For extra padding, pack your glasses and stemware in clean socks.
- If you can, head to your new home before the move and pre-clean the bathroom and kitchen. Don't forget the vacuum cleaner too! The house will never be this clean again!
- Place an extra cotton pad or ball, or toilet paper into your powder cosmetics to keep them from breaking.
- Cover the openings of your toiletries with cling wrap, then put the tops back on.
- Pack plates vertically, like records, and not too many per-box. They will be less likely to break, easier/lighter to pick up, and if you do drop them, they're not all gone!
- Keep sandwich bags handy for holding any small parts of things you have to take apart, furniture, beds or connectors for the TV and computers etc.
- Take a photo of how your electronics are connected so you can remember how and where all the wires go.
- Working from the bottom up, put your clothes in to bin bags with the hangers out of the top. Unhook from the closet, and rehang in the new place. Remove the bag, clothes moved!
- Vacuum seal your out-of-season clothing.
- Along with food and drinks, give your friends who help you move first dibs on anything you originally planned to sell or donate.
- Make sure everything is completely packed before your friends show up to help you move.
- If you are renting, take photos of your cleaned-out old home and your new home before moving in, particularly any existing damage or stains.
- Make your last grocery trip two weeks prior to moving and remember to defrost your refrigerator at least a day before moving.
- Consider hiring a sitter for the children and pets.
- Packing can become a trip down memory lane. Resist the temptation and get items packed rather

than reminiscing. You'll have plenty of time to go back and leisurely sift through your belongings after the move.

- Check how long internet and service providers need to disconnect and reconnect at your new place. Don't forget to make a note of the water and electricity meter on the last day.