

OUR BEST MOVING TIPS

There are a lot of ways to save money on your move. It does take some upfront work but it can pay off at the end when you get your final bill. Here is a list of tips to be prepared before your movers arrive. Print this off and check off the boxes as you prepare.

Our Favorites:

- Move all boxes and light items from the basement to the main floor or garage. This will result in shorter trips to the truck.
- Move all boxes and light items from upstairs to the main floor or the garage. This will result in shorter trips to the truck.
- Move all fragile decor, electronics, and personal items in your own vehicle.

Boxing Items:

- Any item that can fit in a box should be in a box. Loose ends will require more trips for the movers.
- Consolidate smaller boxes such as a shoe box into a larger box.
- Make sure to close and tape the boxes shut so the movers can stack them in the truck.
- Label the boxes for the appropriate room and make sure the delicate ones are labeled "fragile".
- Use all suitcases, laundry baskets, dresser drawers, and bags for packing items. You will have to buy less boxes.

Preparing Furniture:

- Disassemble bed frames, mirrors on dressers, cribs, and exercise equipment.
- Remove any delicate or fragile items from dresser drawers.
- Leave the dresser drawers in place and stuff soft items inside such as clothes, blankets, linens, towels, etc. We will shrink wrap the drawers shut so they stay put during transportation.
- Remove couch and chair cushions and place them inside of a large trash bag.
- Remove all glass or wood shelves from china cabinets, hutches, or bookcases.

Decor Preparation:

- Carefully box up all decor that fits inside of a box.
- Take off lampshades and set the lamps in the same area of the home.
- Remove all art and pictures from walls and set them in the same area of the home.

Garage Prep:

- Box up all items that fit in a box.
- Clean out and throw away all unwanted items.

- Set aside items that stay with the home such as paint and extra building materials.

- Clothes:**
 - Leave hanging clothes on hangers and cover them with large garbage bags. Tie the hangers together so they don't fall into the bag.
 - Stuff your dresser drawers and suitcases full of clothes.
 - Put all delicate clothes such as dresses and suits into a wardrobe box.

- Parking and Car Placement:**
 - Make sure your cars are out of the garage and out of the driveway.
 - Save or reserve parking spots in advance if you are limited for parking.

- TV's and Electronics:**
 - Make sure TV's are taken off the walls before we arrive.
 - Put computer monitors, printers, etc. in your own vehicle if you have room.
 - Unplug, organize, and label any wires connected to your electronics

- Create Piles:**
 - Create a pile for donations.
 - Create a pile for certain items you will move yourself.
 - Create trash piles so we know not to touch them unless you want us to dispose of them.

- Measure Larger Items and Doorways:**
 - Make sure to measure doorways.
 - Measure the refrigerator and appliances to see if they fit through the door. Sometimes it helps to take off the refrigerator doors or handles.
 - Measure exercise equipment to see if it fits through the doors.

