# MOVING TIPS & TRICKS

Between finding a credible moving company and packing up all your stuff, it's no secret that moving can feel like a part-time job. With these pro tips, you'll be better informed about what to expect from your movers and ready to tackle the dreaded moving process headfirst.

## **WHAT TO ASK YOUR MOVER**

Will my stuff be



Are there any hidden fees or extra charges for stairs or longer distances?

transferred to another truck mid-trip?

Do you have references from other customers who have booked with you?

What type of training do your movers, drivers, packers and loaders go through? Are they certified?



Do you offer

valuation or liability

coverage?

**BAD MOVER RED FLAGS** 



has a telephone number and physical address listed on their website.



getting at least three in-home estimates.



number so you know your mover is legitimate.

THE GREATEST PACKING HACKS EVER

boxes and/or smart-move tape to keep track of what's in every box

Pull trash bags

over clothing

and hangers so

you can drop

Use color-coded

sharpie (think kid's toys or bedroom #1)

Alternatively,

label what's in

each box with a

on your moving boxes

Use a box

cutter to

create handles

bubble wrap or packing peanuts to cushion your breakables

Use clothing

instead of

them right into your new closet

Put saran wrap

around liquid

toiletries so

they don't spill

moving durables like books or movies Store jewelry in

an egg carton

so necklaces

and delicates

don't tangle

Use your

suitcase as a

moving container;

they're great for

Stack your plates

vertically so

they don't

break

Use bread bag

ties to prevent

electronic

wires from

tangling

champagne flutes Use sandwich bags to hold small parts, nails, screws,

etc.

Use your socks

to pack small

breakables,

such as wine

glasses or

Vacuum seal your clothing to save extra

space

Use extra-durable and (free) beer and liquor boxes to transport

heavier items

"Delegate" the packing to friends and

family

break and hire professional movers to do the packing and loading for you

Fill nail holes

with toothpaste

to get your

security deposit

back

Give yourself a

Plan your meals the week before you move

with all of your basics

Pack a

"day-of" bag

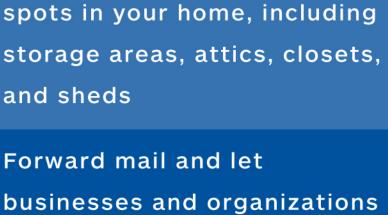
**DON'T FORGET TO...** 

Hire cleaners to

clean out your

place before you

leave



you're moving

ship them!

arrangements for

the kids and pets so

they're not slipping

underfoot.

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During your in-home estimate,

show your movers less visible

Host a moving party for friends

to finish off any open bottles

Transfer your home services,

such as Internet and cable

of alcohol - hey, you can't

businesses and organizations you care about know that

#1

**#2** Exchange cell Secure numbers with your

marked area Book your car shipment 2-3 weeks ahead of time

Donate non-perishables

to Move for Hunger

Put everything that's not

going to be moved in a

separate and clearly

Give your BBQ's propane tank

Have cash on hand so you can

to the neighbor because

professional movers can't

move them

tip your mover

THE BIG DAY - TOP 8 TIPS

#3

### **#**5 Dress comfortably. Jeans, sneakers and a

mover, and always be

available by phone to

answer any questions.



Make sure to ask for

your mover's name, ID

number, and truck

number should anything

go wrong en route.

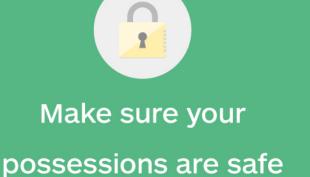
Do a final sweep of your Store all your important place before you hand documents and ID's in a secure location. #8

Don't move on an

empty stomach.

the new owner.

over the keys to



and sound. If not, you

should file a claim.

Don't prolong the unpacking process - it should last no more

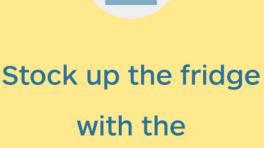


sweatshirt are ideal.

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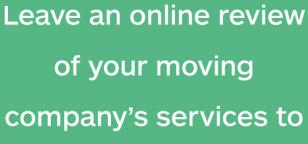
Relax and kick your feet up - you've





essentials.

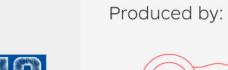




of your moving and family that company's services to helped you pack! inform others. than a week and half.



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