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# 20 MOVING TIPS

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MOVING DAY STRESS  
BUSTERS

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## TIP 1

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### DON'T BOOK YOUR MOVE ON POSSESSION DAY

Moving always takes longer than expected. Give yourself ample time to vacate and clean the home you are moving from. This includes arranging removal of any unwanted items and garbage. Prepare so that all you need to do on possession day is turn the keys over.

The same goes for moving into your new place. Sometimes there are unexpected delays on possession day. Book your movers at least the day after so that you have an opportunity to deal with any surprise issues before the moving truck shows up.

The ideal scenario is to get possession of your new home a week before you have to be out of your current home. This allows for a smooth transition and time to deal with unforeseen issues.

## TIP 2

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### CANCEL/SET UP YOUR UTILITIES

Let the utility companies that provide your wifi, cable, phone, electricity, gas, etc. know you are moving and inform them of your new location and the dates.

## TIP 3

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### SET UP MAIL FORWARDING

It takes the postal service a week to forward your mail to your new address so organize this in advance. We recommend running the service for a year so that you have ample time to inform everyone of your new mailing address.



## TIP 4

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### MAKE A PLAN FOR THE KIDS AND PETS

Moving day is chaotic, so plan to have someone pick up the kids and pets early in the day. It's much easier to supervise and direct the move without them underfoot.

## TIP 5

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### COLOUR CODE YOUR BOXES

Get some coloured stickers and make a colour coded legend. For example, green = kitchen and yellow = family room. As you pack, put a coloured sticker on each box that correlates with the room it will be going into. Make a legend and give a copy to your movers. When you arrive at your new home, put the coloured sticker that correlates on the door of each room so the movers know where to put each box or piece of furniture.

## TIP 6

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### TAKE PHOTOS OF ELECTRONIC SET UP AND LABEL CORDS

Before you dismantle your electronic equipment, snap a photo of the cord set up. Then use some masking tape to make a label and attach it directly to the cable. That way if a cord gets disconnected you'll be able to set it back up easily.



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## TIP 7

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### MAKE A MOVING TOOL BOX

Gather together a hammer, screwdrivers, scissors, box cutter, moving tape, measuring tape, a sharpie, and a roll of toilet paper. Include your colour coded legend and stickers (see tip #5). Put this kit in your car when you move out and in the front hall closet when you move in. That way you will know exactly where to find it when you need it.

## TIP 8

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### MAKE A CLEANING KIT

As you are moving out put some garbage bags, a broom, dust pan, paper towels, sanitizing wipes, glass cleaner and hand soap somewhere handy so that you can have some basic supplies available if you have to clean up a bit. Put this kit in your car so that it's easy to find and doesn't get packed in the truck. Put it in your front hall closet when you move in.

## TIP 9

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### ORGANIZE A COOLER WITH DRINKS AND SNACKS

Pack some waters and snacks and put them in your car. Moving is hard work so remember to keep your energy up and hydrate. It's a nice gesture to offer some to your moving crew, so consider packing extras.



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## TIP 10

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### PACK AN ESSENTIAL MOVING BAG

Gather medications, toiletries, a change of clothes, and pjs for each family member and put them in a suitcase. Also include your wallet, keys, a roll of toilet paper, a couple towels, important items for the kids (special toy, blanket, nightlight) essential pet items (food, food dishes, pet bed), laptop, phone chargers, valuables and important documents (passports, birth certificates). Put this suitcase in a car separate from the rest of the boxes so you can access it easily at the end of the day.

## TIP 11

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### CHARGE YOUR PHONES

Plug in your phone the night before you move so that you are ready to go the next day. Put your charger in your essential moving bag so you know where to find it later.

## TIP 12

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### DON'T USE GARBAGE BAGS

Avoid using garbage bags to pack your belongings. Too often they are mistaken for actual garbage and tossed out.

## TIP 13

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### PACK UP YOUR BEDDING

Put your pillows, sheets and blankets in your car away from the other boxes. As soon as your beds arrive at your new home, set up the bedding so you have somewhere to crash at the end of the day.



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## TIP 14

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### **KEEP A PEN AND PAPER HANDY**

Something always comes up on moving day that you don't want to forget about later. Keep a pen and some paper in your pocket so you can jot down notes throughout the day.

## TIP 15

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### **PUT SOME PLASTIC SANDWICH BAGS IN YOUR POCKET**

As the movers take things apart you will be handed screws and small bits that can easily get lost in the shuffle. Put them in a small sandwich bag and into your cleaning kit so you know where to find them later.

## TIP 16

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### **HAVE SOME CASH ON HAND**

If your movers have done a great job, show your gratitude with a tip. It's always appreciated.

## TIP 17

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### **BE READY BEFORE THE MOVERS ARRIVE**

Have everything packed before the truck shows up. You will be too busy directing and attending to last minute details to finish packing and organizing. Having all your boxes ready to go will make your day much less stressful.



## TIP 18

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### LEAVE ANYTHING THAT IS ATTACHED

Unless an item has been excluded in the offer you must leave behind anything that is attached. This includes attached shelving and workbenches, hooks, TV wall mounts, vacuflo systems and attachments, light fixtures, window coverings, appliances, bathroom mirrors and water softeners. The buyer will assume that if it is nailed, glued or screwed it is staying. If you are not sure, contact your agent to check.

## TIP 19

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### DO A FINAL WALK THROUGH

Double check all closets, cabinets, attics, storage areas (including under the stairs), the garage, yard and outdoor shed for any of your personal items. Take a look in the fridges and freezers for remaining food items. Remove any phone chargers if you have left them plugged in. Leave the garage door openers, fireplace remotes, warranties, mailbox keys, additional keys and any other information on the kitchen counter for the new owners.

## TIP 20

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### ORDER IN DINNER

Forget about prepping a meal on moving day. It might take a while to find the plates and forks! Order in some food, (remember to ask for cutlery and napkins), take a breather and treat yourself after a hard day of work.



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