

Hints and Tips

IDEAS TO HELP YOU ALONG THE WAY

Prior to Move Day

Hint #1—**Begin accumulating packing materials**; boxes, tape, labels, marker, bubble wrap, and newspapers ASAP. We have a Go Green Box Program with 100% refund on all returned boxes or we can provide packing services.

Hint #2—**Organize** your items and decide what you want to move. Don't move items you never use. A good rule of thumb is, if you have not used something in three or more years, have a garage sale or donate the items.

Hint #3—**Locate the hazardous waste recycling** drop off site in your area since chemicals, flammables, and corrosives are not allowed in the moving truck, or take them yourself.

Hint #4—**Pack heavy items** in small boxes; light items in larger boxes. Try to keep each box to fifty pounds or less. If you are taking your trashcans, fill them with clean garage type items.

Hint #5—**Pack plates** on end vertically, rather than flat and stacked. Glasses are packed with the heads of the glass facing down. Label the box fragile. **Use your linens** as packing materials. Place pictures and breakables between sheets and blankets to give them added protection in the boxes.

Hint #7—**Thoroughly clean and dry** the inside of your refrigerator, put a handful of fresh coffee, baking soda or charcoal in a sock or nylon and place it inside to keep the interior smelling fresh.

Hint #8—**Spillables, food items**, medicines, perfumes, liquid cleaners, etc. should be tightly sealed and removed from drawers. Boxed cereals, soaps, and boxed foods should be taped shut.

Hint #9—**Designate one drawer** in a dresser (or suitcases) for sheets and towels so that you won't have to rummage through boxes for these essentials the first night in your new home.

Hint #10—**Label bedroom boxes** numerically or color code them the same way as the rooms are labeled. Tape a piece of paper with corresponding code to the doorway. This will save time and confusion. In addition to the room and contents, **write your name** and destination city and state on all boxes, or use address labels.

Hint #11—**Measurements** for doorways, hallways and appliance space in your new home are important. Draw a floor plan showing where you would like large furniture to be placed.



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Hint #12—Disassemble pool tables, swing sets, grandfather clocks, and exercise equipment and disconnect appliances prior to move day. We can arrange for these services also.

Hint #13—Moving plants via your car, try not to let foliage rest against windows, as the leaves will scorch.

Hint #14—All furniture is wrapped with furniture pads; upholstered furniture is wrapped in plastic shrink-wrap for extra protection.

Hint #15—Leave clothes in dresser drawers and keep night and end tables filled with non-breakables.

Hint #16—Disconnect your phone, electricity and utilities the day after the loading.

Hint #17—Provide a safe area for children and pets on move day.

Hint # 18—Plan activities such as travel, cleaning, and running errands on days other than move day.

Hint # 19—Small valuables such as jewelry should be taken with you.

Hint #20—Last boxes to be loaded should have in them telephone, coffee pot, coffee, snacks, toilet paper, toothpaste and brushes, flashlight, screwdriver, pliers, can opener, paper plates, cups and utensils, a couple of pans, paper towels, plus any other essentials you may need upon arrival at your new home. **Pack a box or two with these type items and ask the driver to load these last so they are unloaded first at your new home.**

Hint #21—Before the driver leaves for your destination residence conduct a walk thru with the driver to insure all services are complete. Give him a phone number (cell phone) and where you can be reached. It is also a good idea to provide him with an alternate contact number in case you can't be reached at the first one. Also give him a map of where your new house is in relation to a major intersection or off of the highway.

Miscellaneous

Items that are not to be packed should be put aside, out of the way of the packers. Has charcoal been removed from the barbecue grill? Is drip pan under the refrigerator empty? Is the lawnmower drained? Are there shut-off valves for dryers, stove operational? Have children help pack toys. Flammable items cannot be moved.



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