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Owner of Pick Up And Move**

A "Box is Not a Box" When You Are Moving Your Valuables

By Kirstie Berzanski

What is a REAL moving box? Do you know?

The term "moving boxes" has been grossly overly-used to the point that it has lost its meaning for most consumers. Most people associate moving boxes with any old box that they can find around the house, or one that is sold in the stores. After all, if the store calls a box- a moving box, then it must be right? Wrong! Most people unknowingly believe that a box is a box, and a moving box is just any type of box that you move with. Although this is logical, it is not true and has led to unnecessary moving damages across the United States.

The term moving boxes actually refers to a type of box that is specifically manufactured and designed to be used for moving and storing. These boxes are industry standard with professional moving companies, and are typically not even sold in most retail stores. Certified moving boxes have a stamp on them that certifies them as certified, providing the highest level of protection for your valuables when moving or storing.

- It is ironic that many people spend extra money purchasing third party moving insurance in the event that their belongings are damaged, yet pack their belongings in any old box they can find. There is a better way. Using high quality, certified boxes is the best prevention to decrease or eliminate moving damages.

How are certified moving boxes different then regular ones?

They are Designed Not To Compress When Stacked on Top of Each Other in a Moving Truck or Dolly

The first aspect that makes certified moving boxes different is how the box is manufactured and designed. Certified moving boxes are manufactured and designed to be stacked on top of each other in a moving truck and a dolly without compressing; thereby withstanding pressure in bumpy environments. (Moving trucks are very bumpy)

- Certified moving boxes are designed NOT to compress when they are stacked on top of each other in a moving truck, dolly or at your house, where regular boxes are not designed to be stacked and have a much higher probability of crushing your valuables.

The stacking of boxes will occur throughout your entire move. For example, your movers will stack your moving boxes on a dolly, then they will stack

them on a your truck, and then they will stack them at your home until you unpack them. Then long after the move, many people will continue to stack their boxes in a garage, or a storage unit. As a result, it is very important that when they they are stacked, they don't compress.

Industry Standard Sizing To Help You Pack & Protect Your Valuables

The second aspect that differentiates certified moving box is sizing.

The moving industry recommends industry standard sizing for certified moving boxes. Your entire home should be packed with these different sized boxes. Using industry standard sizes makes it easy to stack the boxes tightly in a truck so your movers will not need to make as many trips (this will save you money on the cost of your move) and your movers will even be faster because the boxes are meant to stack on top of one another.

The four sizes of certified moving boxes are:

1. All Purpose Moving Box (1.5 cubic)-The most important box in moving. Most of your home should be packed inside this box. It is large enough to hold a lot of belongings, yet not too large that you will over pack the box making it too heavy to carry.
2. The Kitchen Moving Box (3.0 cubic)-Ideal for pots, pans, small appliances.
3. The Pillow Moving Box (4.5 Cubic)-Only to be used for large lightweight items like pillows, otherwise the box is too heavy for movers to carry.
4. The Wardrobe moving box-This box has a bar inside and is ideal to hang clothes inside of.

Special Labeling on the Box

The third aspect to what makes a certified moving box different is the labeling system.

Certified moving boxes have labels on them where you can indicate what is inside of the box and what room it should be placed in. (Please note, some boxes are sold with labels that are not certified moving boxes.) If you don't label your box, your moving company will only be able to drop all your boxes off in your main room and you will waste time opening boxes, carrying them to their appropriate rooms and organizing. This can add 50% or more time to your unpacking efforts.

- When moving, it is important to label each box with what room they should be placed in and to indicate what is inside of each moving box. This helps moving companies prioritize the stacking of boxes.

Who Sells Certified Moving Boxes? Most major retail stores DO NOT sell certified moving boxes. I imagine they don't, because these boxes are heavier, and more expensive to buy and stock than ones that are lightweight. Since most consumers don't know the difference, most major retail stores charge hefty prices for boxes that will provide little protection for your valuables when moving, are not designed for this purpose, yet still have signs over them calling them moving boxes.

You can find certified moving boxes at discounted prices online at <http://www.movingboxdelivery.com> or from local moving companies across the country.

In conclusion, most people believe that all boxes are the same. They believe that they can use any old box they find and not worry about their belongings being damaged while moving. This is not the case. Although using certified moving boxes alone will not guarantee a damage free move, it will greatly decrease your chances of damage.

Back to the real definition of what is a moving box? Know you know. I hope this article helps educate you about the difference between boxes and moving boxes. After all, the next time you move, use "certified moving boxes" and you will drastically reduce your chances of needing to execute moving insurance options.

Best wishes to you and your family for a successful move.

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How to Save Money When You Move

By J Davies

There are many steps to planning and executing a successful move. Each step is an important part of the big picture. It keeps you in control of your move and will save you money. All of the steps and tips are relevant to local and long distance moves. Each step is relevant to any type of moving service you are considering for your move. Putting thought into your move beforehand, researching the moving process and planning each step way ahead of time will make you move a successful relocation. If you are moving your family across the country, you are a college student moving to or from school, if you are a senior citizen or retiree moving or you're looking to start over somewhere new, you will want to plan well and save as much money moving as you can. You want to avoid any added expenses. The important thing is that many of these steps are simple and can be done way in advance of your move!

The first step to saving money when you move, it to write everything down! Keep a notebook and a small pad with you where you list everything. Use a sectioned notebook like we would have used in school. Use the pad when you think of something you would like to add to the notebook. Write everything in pencil and not in pen. This way you can always make changes or corrections and keep your moving notebook organized. Use different colored pencils and create a color code for yourself. It will help you quite a bit.

Start to list all of the belongings you are planning to move. The easiest way to do this is by going room by room. Leave a few pages in your notebook for each room. In the early stages of the planning list everything. You can always make changes or delete things later on, but this way you will not forget anything!

List all of the furniture, lamps, TV's and any major items that are in the room. If there is something unique or out of the ordinary about an item, (for example an extra large or heave piece of furniture or something that is special to you and will need special handling), remember to write that down.

It will be worth while to make a "guesstimate" of the number of boxes you will have from the room. One piece of advice about boxes or box counts is

that most of us seriously under estimate the number of boxes we will have. Be liberal about this. Changes can be made as you moving day gets close. However this will help you to see the bigger picture about the size of your move.

Once you have created a list of all of your belongings you will have created a working inventory for your move.

Since you are planning ahead and looking to cut some corners and save money, your next step will be to collect packing materials. The most important packing material will be cardboard boxes. You don't need to go out and buy special boxes for your move, unless you own certain items that need special boxes and handling. By going to shopping centers in your area, you will be able to find high quality boxes of all different sizes that will suit your needs for your move! Be sure that the boxes you collect are in mint condition and can be sealed with plastic masking tape on the top and the bottom of the box. Make sure the boxes are strong and clean. You want to have boxes that are different sizes for different needs, but it is very important to make sure that all of the boxes are stackable. This will save you space in your present location and help you when you need to unpack at your new location. It will also help to load and unload your belongings in the moving truck! One simple, but important guideline to remember is the heavier the box, the harder it will be to move. For heavy items such as books, use smaller boxes. This is why you will need boxes of different sizes.

As a guideline, in the moving industry there are 3 general sizes of boxes-small, medium and large. A small box can about the size of the box you would buy copier paper in or the size of a small microwave oven. A medium sized box is about the size of a small dormitory refrigerator that s college student might have in their room and a large box is about the size of a dormitory refrigerator with a small microwave oven on top of it.

By collecting used boxes, you will save hundreds of dollars.

Another great way to save money on packing materials is to save old newspapers! This is an excellent packing material. You can use it for many of the belongings you will be packing into the boxes. Just remember that newspaper does have ink on it and do not use newspaper for packing anything that will be sensitive to it (such as clothing, since it might create

stains that will be hard to remove.) You can use newspaper for wrapping and also shred it if necessary and use it as stuffing inside of the boxes.

Remember that you have other materials in your home already that you can use. Some very good examples are all of your towels and linens. These can be used to wrap belongings such as lamps that you will be boxing. Even though moving is a great chance to get rid of lots of things that you may not want or need, those old curtains that you might hate might just come in handy when you are packing, so don't throw them out so quickly. If you can use them, save them and throw them out after your move.

The next step in saving money when you are moving, is considering the different kinds of moving services that are available to you. You have many options. Each has its advantages and disadvantages and you will need to explore them all to make an educated decision. If you know people that have moved over the last couple of years you might want to talk with them about it and their experience with the moving service they choose. It is important for you to be realistic about what you expect from a moving company or moving service and to be realistic about what you yourself will be capable of handling for your move. Since moving is not just about your belongings, but is also a life changing experience, you will want to take into account your personal physical and emotional needs and to what extent you will be able to participate in the move. For example, if you were thinking about renting a truck, but you realize that it's too much work for you and you want to hire moving labor to do the work, it just might end up being much more expensive than just having a moving company do your move for you.

Now it will be important for you to start getting free moving quotes for your move! There are many ways to do this, but the simplest and least time consuming for you, will be just by going on the internet. The internet can also help you research the moving services as well as get free moving quotes. Let the movers come to you! You will want to have your inventory or item list handy when you are speaking to moving companies and moving services. This is how they will be able to give you a free moving quote! Remember to discuss with them any of your special needs for packing, moving or maybe storage. Each of the moving companies or moving services can do this with you by telephone or some might be able to give you an "in house estimate". It is important to remember that a quote is an estimate and not a guaranteed price. A "Binding Estimate" for example will

only be binding if there will be no additional labor or materials needed on your moving day and if your inventory is correct.

Each mover or moving service will then be able to email you a free moving quote for the move! It is important to educate yourself about the terminology of moving, so that you can properly decipher the moving quotes. One very important thing to do when you read a moving quote, is to make sure that everything that you discussed with the moving company is written down. Anything promised verbally and not written down will not be binding! Make sure there is no vague language on the quote. Vague language will mean that someone is trying to hide something from you and that will not be the kind of people you want to do business with! It will also mean that on moving day, you will have lots of unpleasant surprises that will cost you much more money. No one enjoys that!

Once you have made your decision, be sure to be in contact with your moving company or moving service. You will want to update your inventory when you have changes to make, either adding or removing items. It is not necessary to do this too often, but make your inventory or item list is fully updated by 2-3 days before your moving date.

The bottom line is, to save money moving, you need to think and plan in advance. You need to educate yourself about the moving industry and the moving services available to you. You need to know the language of moving. You need to be smart and think about where you can save and make use of readily available materials, not spending money on expensive materials that you really don't want or need. You need to be realistic with yourself about what you can accomplish on your own and what you expect from the moving companies and moving services. You need to be smart when you are speaking with moving companies and moving services. Remember if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is, be smart! This will all help you have a successful and stress free move that will save you money!

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Moving Guide: Moving with Pets

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Americans and their loved pets move on average every seven years. If you have a pet or pets, remember that they also experience stress, particularly from moving. In many cases, moving can be even more stressful on pets, as the home is their habitat. Pets can also become very frightened when faced with unfamiliar situations. Careful organization and planning can make the moving process easier and less stressful for both you and your pet. Our guide offers tips and advice to help you and your pet through this process.

Pet travel warning

- o Never move a sick pet - the move may aggravate his symptoms and be dangerous to his health.

- o The Animal Welfare Act makes it illegal to transport puppies and kittens less than eight weeks old by air.

- o Pets cannot be moved on a moving van with your household belongings.

- o Pets are generally not allowed on trains or buses, unless they're guide-dogs accompanying blind or otherwise impaired persons.

- o Book a direct flight if you are traveling by plane. If your pet is traveling in freight he may be sitting outside with the freight for a long period of time between flights and as the freight is being moved from plane to plane. If the weather is either too hot or too cold your pet will suffer. An insulated crate will certainly help this situation if it cannot be avoided.

Air Transport

You may transport your pet by air either accompanying you or as air freight. Some airlines provide counter-to-counter service so your pet will be carried on and off the plane by an airline employee. Remember, not all airlines accept pets for transportation, so be sure to inquire when you are making your travel arrangements. Also be sure to check about charges and insurance charges for transporting your pet.

It is important that you book your air travel as early as possible. Airlines that accept pets for transportation will have specific regulations and guidelines regardless of whether the pets are accompanied or unaccompanied. For example, you may be required to be at the airport several hours in advance of the flight to check your pet in and your pet may need a special crate. The airline may be able to provide to you a crate for the trip, or you may have to purchase one from the airline.

The airline will have guidelines on the crate types allowed and your local pet supply company will be able to sell you the required crate. Your pet should be able to stand and turn around with ease and there should be adequate ventilation. The bottom of the crate should be padded with newspaper or other absorbent material. Add a favorite toy on move day to give a sense of security. Try to get your pet accustomed to the crate at home before the big day.

On move day, feed and water your pet at least 5 hrs before the flight departure time and water again at least 2 hours before departure. Remember to administer any medication or veterinarian-recommended tranquilizers before departure. When you arrive at the airport, exercise your pet and check that you have provided all the necessary information to airline staff regarding your name, correct new address and alternate contact name in case of emergency.

Some airlines allow passengers to bring pets into the cabin with them, provided they fall within a specific size range and stay in a carrier for the duration of the flight.

By road - In a motor vehicle

Unless you are planning a very short road trip, do not feed or water your pet for a couple of hours before leaving. You may decide to put your pet in a crate during the road trip, but be sure he is able to stand and turn around with ease and that there is adequate ventilation. The bottom of the crate should be padded with newspaper, towels or other absorbent and cushioning material. Adding a favorite toy will help give a sense of security. Exercise your pet regularly during the road trip, but always use a leash because your furry friend can easily get lost or hit by a car if he wanders off.

Do not let your pet hang his head out the window while the car is moving. While many dogs love to do this, it can cause sore eyes, ears or throat. And, never let the windows down so far that your pet can jump out.

Warning

Never leave a pet in a hot car during the summer or in a cold car in the winter. Temperatures inside a car with closed windows escalate dramatically when it's parked in the sun. Even if it's pleasant outside, it takes only a few moments to reach over 100 degrees inside the car - which can be fatal for small occupants. If you absolutely have to leave your pet briefly, and the day is hot, park in the shade, lock the car doors and crack the windows open several inches to provide cross-ventilation. Check on him regularly. If the day is very hot, it is best not to leave your pet in the car at all.

Pet's travel bag

Don't forget to pack a travel bag for your pet! Following is a list of items you may wish to include;

- o Food and can opener
- o Food and water dishes
- o Any medication your pets needs
- o Treats
- o Favorite toys
- o Leash
- o Grooming brush
- o Bags to clean up after your pet
- o Newspapers
- o Cleaner and paper towel

Whatever mode of transport you use for your pet, make sure you are in compliance with state and local regulations for animals in your destination city, along with current copies of.

- o ID tags

- o Health records

Pets ID tags

The state where you are moving may have different laws regarding animals and their entry across state lines. It is important that you understand the requirements so that you can comply with them, so contact the state veterinarian for specific information. It is not uncommon for pets to need an entry permit in order to enter a new state. As well, in many towns and cities the number of pets per household may be limited. You will be required to obtain a local license for your pet within a certain deadline, such as 30 days, so find out what it is. You don't want to pay a fine for not keeping your pet's license current!

Health

You may need to obtain a health certificate for your pet from a licensed veterinarian and this can be used in the event it is required for entry to your new home state. The Department of Agriculture may request to see the health cert at your destination airport or could even be patrolling the highways if you are driving. A health cert is generally valid for 10 days, so be sure to have the inspection scheduled just before you move. The veterinarian will conduct a complete physical examination of your pet and check that he is current with all inoculations.

Dogs

Whether traveling by air or by car, moving can be even more stressful for a dog than for a human, although some dogs adapt better than others. Hold off on packing your dog's bedding and toys until the last moment so that he can be comforted by the presence of familiar things. If you're traveling a long way, avoid feeding your dog for 12 hours before the journey in order to prevent travel sickness. If you know your dog suffers from travel sickness, ask your veterinary surgeon about medication.

If you plan on flying to your new home, do your best to book a direct flight. If your dog has to be transported by freight and the flight is not direct he may have to sit out in the hot or cold weather as the freight is boarded to the new flight. Check with the airlines for details. If your dog is small enough, he may be able to travel in the passenger cabin with you. He will need a special pet carrier, which you can purchase at your local pet store. Ask the airline what crate specifications they require.

If traveling by car, have your dog's nails cut to avoid damage to the upholstery. Carry an adequate supply of plastic bags and use these to clean up after your pet at any rest stops you use. Never let your dog hang his head out the window of a car when it's moving. Even though most dogs love to do this, it can cause sore eyes, ears or throat.

Never leave your pet alone in a car, especially in hot weather. The temperature inside the car can quickly rise to an unbearable level, even on what feels like a pleasant afternoon.

Once you arrive at your destination, be sure to get your dog back in to his routine of eating and exercise. If you have moved to an apartment building and your pet dog was used to having a yard to play in, you'll need to be extra considerate. Walk your dog more frequently, at least until he gets used to his new living situation. Be patient and make allowances for indoor "accidents." Don't punish your pooch, as this may make the problem worse. Clean the mess to remove the soil and smell. Once your dog has settled in, the accidents should stop. Use positive reinforcement to teach him where he needs to go. Always praise him when he relieves himself in the correct place.

One way to help your dog settle in more quickly is to create a comfortable sleeping area for him. If your new home has a yard, check the fencing to make sure that it is secure, of sufficient height and 'hole-free' before letting your dog run loose. If your dog is able to escape, exercise him on a lead until you are able to make the necessary improvements.

Cats

It's commonly accepted that cats get very attached to places and typically hate to move. Cats get particularly comfortable with routine, and don't like

their environment to change. This can make moving especially difficult for humans and their cats.

In the days leading up to your move, try to keep your pet's routine as normal as possible. It is best to crate your cat during the moving process, and it may be helpful to ask a friend or family member to keep an eye on him.

If you are traveling by air, you may need to purchase an airline-approved carrier for your cat. Your airline should be able to provide you with all the details. If you are traveling by car you may also want to use a crate or carrier so your cat cannot roam about the car, or escape through an open window or door.

Once you are in your new location, be careful to keep your cat indoors until he becomes comfortable in his new surroundings. Do not allow your cat outdoors, because he may try to return to your old home ... and that's obviously dangerous for him, especially if you've moved far away. Supervised outings are advised until your pet gets used to your new home. You can use a long leash on your cat and connect it to a stake in the ground, allowing your pet to wander the length of the leash for the first few days. Let your cat explore all the rooms of the house and be sure to check that outside doors and windows are closed before you begin.

Birds and Small Pets

Of all pets, birds are probably the most sensitive to changes in temperature and environment. Your pet bird can be moved in the cage in which it lives. When you are moving with your pet bird, be sure to use a cover for the cage. This can keep the bird calm and protect it from drafts. Place the cage in a shallow box to collect any gravel, feathers or droppings that may spill during transit. Remove any containers of food and water before moving the cage to avoid spills en route. Do feed and water your bird at its regular times, as birds, like all small animals, can become dehydrated very quickly in warm weather.

Some states require a health cert for birds entering the state. The USDA may inspect this cert either at the airport or during routine roadway inspections. Have your pet bird inspected by your veterinarian prior to traveling. Some health certificates are valid for a brief period of time. Ten to 10 days is a common window for a health certificate.

Horses

There are several ways to transport horses. Your horse can be transported by air freight, by towing a trailer or by hiring a specialized horse transporting company. The horse transport company can use either air or road to transport horses.

By Air

Many airlines accept horses as air freight. In general, they will only transport horses on direct flights. You will be required to have a stall constructed to the airline's specifications, and you will need to ensure your horse has the necessary health checks completed prior to moving to your new home state. Remember that requirements vary by state, and airlines will request a health certificate. The USDA may also be at the destination airport conducting inspections and may request to see the health certificate.

By Road

Depending on the distance you need to travel, towing your horse in a trailer behind your car or truck may be an option. If you do not own a trailer, you may consider renting one, but you'll want to be sure you're experienced enough to safely load and trailer your horse. You can also pack tack and feed in the trailer.

If your trip requires overnight stays you will need to book stables en route for your horse. These stables will require a health certificates appropriate to horses only, and if they do not you probably don't want to board your horse there. Your veterinarian should be aware of the applicable laws of the different states and will be able to provide you with the necessary health certificates. (Contact information regarding states entry requirements is at the end of this guide.)

If you are unable to find a stable or lodgings for your horse in close proximity to your hotel, inquire whether the hotel will allow you to keep the trailer in the parking lot overnight. In inclement weather this is not advisable. Feed and water your horse per the normal routine and clean out the stall when you have an overnight stop.

Reptiles

Most states have strict government regulations regarding the entry of reptiles. See the states regulatory contact list at the end of this guide to find out what you need to do before moving your reptile from state to state.

As a general rule, the carrier that a reptile is transported in needs to be kept moist. Place the reptile in a cloth bag and fasten the top of the bag, making sure to leave the reptile enough room to move about, then place the bag in the shipping container. Use foam peanuts for cushioning and place damp paper or cloth in the shipper to keep the environment moist. Make sure there are air holes in the shipper for ventilation. If you are traveling overnight with your reptile you may need to place him in the tub of your hotel room at night for a nice long soak. Check if the hotel allows pets first.

Do not ship reptiles in excessively hot or cold weather, as their shipping container may be left outside for periods of time, leading to stress and possibly death.

Snakes must be handled with extra care, especially if they are venomous. Most airlines require double crating for snakes, which means putting the snake in one crate and then placing this crate in another, larger crate. Adequate ventilation is a must. The airline may provide you with stickers to put on all sides of the crate and you will need to write the type of snake on this label. You should also write on the sticker whether the snake is venomous or not.

****Warning**

Remember to keep the surroundings of all reptiles moist, but not wet. Placing a damp cloth inside the container is one of the best ways to keep your reptile's environment appropriately moist during transit.

Fish

Fish are notoriously difficult to move safely from one location to another, but it can be done effectively and efficiently with some planning. It is advisable to sell or give away as many fish as you can before you move to help ease the burden. However if this is not an option, this guide will help you understand what you need to do.

Depending on the size of your aquarium, and the number and type of fish you have, it may be easier to separate them into a several smaller tanks. If the aquarium is 5 gallons or less it may be just as easy to move the entire aquarium. Place some cellophane over the top of the aquarium and remove all heaters and aerators. Place the container in a cooler box or Styrofoam container to regulate the temperature and keep it constant for up to 48 hours. Be sure to open the cellophane every four to five hours to change and refresh the air. This option may be the best for tropical fish, which don't do well in smaller containers with overcrowding or sudden changes in water and temperature.

Never leave the container in the car overnight, as the temperature changes may be too drastic for the fish. If you plan to be traveling to your destination for a couple of days with your fish it is advisable to purchase a portable aerator to keep the water well oxygenated. Always pack your aquarium last in the moving truck so that you can unload it quickly at your destination.

If you separate your fish into smaller containers or fish bags, you should try to use the aquarium water in order to keep the environment as constant as possible. In the event you do not have enough water for all the smaller containers, add fresh or saltwater appropriate to the type of fish. It is advisable to allow each container of water to settle for a few hours after filling. If you have only a small number of fish and are moving a short driving distance, you can move the fish to their new location by using plastic bags half-filled with water and half-filled with air. As a general guideline, each fish should have at least 1-2 gallons of water. To maintain the temperature, place the bags in an insulated container or Styrofoam container.

Most fish can go without food for a couple of days without any problems, but it is important to add healing agents to the water, as the fish may become bruised en route. This is not uncommon and you can purchase healing agents at your local pet supply store.

When you arrive at your destination set up the aquarium as quickly as possible. You may need to treat the water to neutralize any chemicals; your local pet store can advise you of any treatments the local water may need.

Turn the aerator on for a while, and then add slowly and gently add the fish to the tank one at a time. Wait until the water settles, and feed them as usual.

New Community

PLEASE, PLEASE be responsible when you move and check beforehand with your new community to find out if pets are allowed. Some apartment and condominium complexes may not allow pets, and you certainly don't want to find that out on moving day.

Some of the most common reasons that people leave their pets with shelters are "we are moving "and "my landlord doesn't allow pets." Remember, pets do not know why their owners are leaving them behind, so do your homework beforehand to save all that heartbreak. Consider your options carefully, as pets should be considered a lifetime commitment. If you are absolutely unable to take your pet with you, you owe it to this creature to find him a good home.

State and local regulations

You need to make sure that your pet has some sort of easily read ID attached to its body. For dogs and cats this can be a collar, while a tag around the leg is appropriate for birds. The ID tag should have your pet's name, destination address, your name and telephone number. It is also a good idea to have an alternate's name and number on the tags in the event that somebody finds your lost pet and is unable to get in touch with you. You should also have rabies tags for your pet; depending on the state where you live this will most likely be a requirement. For air travel, your pet may be required to wear special travel tags, which the airline will provide.

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Moving Guide: Moving with Family

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Moving can be one of life's most stressful events, and with good reason! Even moves that go smoothly can be very time-consuming, but it's ultimately change that makes moving stressful. And, there are added pressures for kids, who live in the firmly "in the moment" and have a difficult time seeing past the immediate upheaval to their lives. They're largely - and rightly - concerned with their day-to-day routines and their friends. Altering those bedrocks can be extremely stressful for the whole family.

This guide contains useful information on how to help your children accept the move, see the benefits of the move and prepare for the move ... and this is the key for a successful move for you and your family.

You may wish to point out to your children that millions of kids move with their families each year ... moving is a part of life! The trick is helping your children see the bigger picture ... Why do you need to move? And, how will the move improve your lives? Maybe you'll be in a larger home, or be in a better school district, or closer to family. Or, maybe none of this is the case, but your new job will allow you to spend more time with your family.

Children tend to focus on the emotions associated with the move, while adults focus on the logistics. As challenging as it is for children, most will actually benefit from moving at least once in their youth, because it can help them develop the skills to meet new people with ease and to appreciate diverse communities.

General

Moving in general can be challenging, but moving with a family brings a whole host of new challenges. While adults can be emotional, we tend to have more control over our emotions. In contrast, children's emotions can be much more dramatic.

Keep everybody involved!

One important strategy is keeping the entire family included in the process so that nobody feels left out. Keep everyone informed on plans and tasks and any activities associated with the move. It is good to allow the children to be involved in some of the decision-making. For example, take them with you on house-hunting trips at your new location. Ask them what features are most important to them in a new home. If you are unable to include them in the house-hunting process, be sure to share pictures so that everyone can visualize the new home and feel as if they have some input on the move. It's also a great way to "up" the excitement factor!

Often, kids are most afraid of the unknown. The more you can do to familiarize them with your new home and community, the better. If your move is to another city, get as much information as you can and share it with your kids. Highlight things you know will interest them, such as a good baseball team or lots of kid-oriented activities. If the city is not too far away, schedule a family trip to begin to get to know your new home. Visit the local parks and museums or any other local attractions. Drive by your new workplace and other points of interest so your kids will begin to feel more comfortable about moving.

Trip to your new town

Take a trip to your new town. Visit your new church or synagogue and introduce your family to the priest or rabbi and inquire about youth-related activities. Take your teenagers to shopping areas, skateboard parks or other areas where kids their age congregate. Seeing and knowing what they can expect can reduce the anxiety and stress they are most likely experiencing.

Now, check out the new neighborhood. Visit places especially geared toward kids, such as the YMCA or Boys or Girls Clubs. Find out if there is a community swimming pool, basketball court or track. There may be an ice rink or baseball field near your new home, so try to find out these things before you move. These types of amenities are "selling points" that can get your kids excited about the move.

After the move, it's especially important to reestablish routines as quickly as possible, particularly recreation and sports routines. It will certainly take your family time to adjust, but establishing routines is key to getting settled in. Keep a close eye on how your children are adjusting when you move. In some cases, it may take up to a year before they feel really settled. If the

process is taking longer than a year, talk to them and consider getting professional help, if you feel it's needed.

The Best Time to Move?

In many cases, the timing of a move is dictated by an event such as the start of a new job or the sale or purchase of a home. There are times, however, when families can choose when to move, and are confronted with the dilemma of determining whether it's better to move during the school year or during the holidays.

There are several things to consider as you make your decision. Holiday moves have the advantage that children are out of school anyway, and so their studies will not be interrupted. Odds are good that your child will start the new term with other new students.

On the other hand, moving during the school term can be positive in that your children will meet new friends quickly ... something they may not have the opportunity to do if you move during a school break. The other major advantage of moving during the school year is that your children will enter into an established routine right off the bat, and this can be very helpful in adapting to a new location.

Common signs of move-related problems

Obviously, parents know their children better than anyone else. You'll be best able to judge how your kids are adapting after the move, but if you are concerned, there are several tell-tale signs to keep an eye out for. Any of the following signs can indicate your child is having difficulty adjusting:

- o Loss of appetite
- o Losing interest in favorite hobbies
- o Becoming unusually argumentative
- o Experiencing dramatic mood swings
- o Not making new friends

- o Not wanting to leave the house

- o Changing sleep patterns

It's important to note that if your move is precipitated by an emotional event such as death or divorce, you may want to consider counseling even before you move.

Age makes a difference

Kids have their own personalities, and their responses to moving will vary from individual to individual. In general, however, the younger the child, the easier the move is on them.

For very young children, the home is their entire world. This is really the family and household belongings in the house rather than the actual physical structure of the house. The change in routine can be the most stressful aspect of moving for little ones, and you may need to provide constant reassurance that they are moving with you.

Young children typically focus on the loss of routine and familiar items, rather than on the loss of friends. If possible, bring them with you to the new home in advance of moving so they can visualize their new surroundings.

Here are some useful things you can do to help them become accustomed to the idea of the upcoming move:

- o Allow them to pack a box of their own (even if you need to repack it later for safety reasons!)

- o Ask them to pick the colors for their new room.

- o Act out what happens during a move so they can get an idea of what is about to happen. Toys can be used to help with this activity to make it a little clearer to them.

For young school-age children, moving can be difficult. They've made their friends at school and in the neighborhood and will find it tough to start all over again at a new location. However, there are lots of things you can do to help the situation. Check out the new neighborhood for children of their

ages. Find out if the school has after-school activities and whether there is any orientation available to new students. Make plans for a playmate from the old neighborhood to visit at your new home.

Here are some useful tips to help young school going children cope:

- o Keep them involved by assigning a specific move-related job, such as minding the family pet or watering the lawn before you leave.
- o Get them to pack a bag of their own with a few key items to comfort and entertain them.
- o Emphasize the good things your children will appreciate about the move - whether it's a bigger bedroom, a backyard to play in or your proximity to a great park or playground.
- o Keep a positive attitude and reassure them that everything will work out well. Your attitude will definitely impact theirs!

Teenagers

Moving is usually hardest on teenagers. They are old enough to have developed strong friendships and probably spend most of their free time with their friends.

However difficult it may be, try to be patient! Your teenager likely feels defined by his or her group of friends, so being separated from them is particularly difficult. And, don't forget that in addition to emotional turbulence, your teen is coping with the physical changes of adolescence.

Here are some useful tips to help teens cope:

- Make sure they understand why you are moving, and what the benefits are to your family.
- Keep them involved in the move. Ask them to research your new city and share the info with you. This will help them feel involved and also help get them situated faster in the new city. Hopefully, they'll uncover things that appeal to them and will give them something positive to look forward to.

- Never be too busy for your teen. Guaranteed, the move is far more stressful on your teen than you, at least emotionally. Make time for them and empathize with their turmoil.
- Encourage your children to say goodbye to their friends. While it may seem difficult, it's far better than relocating without saying goodbye. Also, it gives your kids a chance to share new contact information, or perhaps to plan a get-together over a school break, if possible.
- If you have a choice, talk with your teen to get his or her input on the best time to move. Some people move during the holidays so their children can begin the new term in the new school, while others prefer to move mid-term so their children can begin a school routine immediately after the move.
- Encourage your kids to find out about clubs or groups that share the same hobbies or interests as they do, such as music or organized sports.
- Encourage your teen to collect phone numbers and e-mail addresses in order to stay in contact with their old friends after you move.
- After you have moved and are settled in, plan a trip back to your old city or invite old friends to visit you over vacation.

Advice for parents whose teens do not want to move

In some cases, teenagers will flat-out refuse to move. If this is your situation, it's very important that you talk with your teen to understand why he's having such a strong reaction against moving. There can be valid reasons for not moving a teenager: Perhaps the school year is nearly finished and it would be academically difficult to switch schools so late in the year. Or, maybe he wants to graduate with his class or stay on an athletic team that's approaching a major tournament.

If it's possible, try to explore other options, such as staying with trusted friends until the school year is over and re-joining your family at that time. If your teen insists that he or she could remain in your old town on their own, calmly explain what considerations they'd need to make, and ask how they'd be able to meet them. Where would they live if not with friends or relatives? How would they pay the rent, food, utility and transportation bills? Do not be surprised if he changes his mind after trying to answer these questions.

No matter what the decision, at least your teen will have had a part in reaching it.

My spouse doesn't want to move

If you're in a situation where your spouse does not wish to move, open and honest communication are key to helping you and your partner make the right decision for your family. Create a list of pros and cons to pinpoint the your spouse's hesitations about moving. When you have identified the critical reason or reasons, you can better discuss what can be done to help resolve the issue. Having this discussion is critical to a successful partnership and marriage.

Breaking the news

With news as important as a move to a new community, it is a good idea to have a family meeting to introduce the idea. A good way to break the news is at a meal, either at home or in a local restaurant. You can't expect all family members to be pleased, but at least everyone gets the information at the same time.

You should provide as much information as possible and focus on the benefits and advantages of the move. Share specific reasons why the move is for the best, and how it will impact your kids. Perhaps you are moving because of a job promotion, or perhaps for a new job. Maybe you'll have a bigger home, or be located in a better school district. Regardless, you'll want to tailor your explanations to the age of the children. In general, the older the child, the more difficult they will find the concept and the more trouble they'll have coping. Young children may just need reassurance that they will be moving with Mommy and Daddy. Older children will be concerned about leaving their old school and friends and having to adjust to a new school and make new friends. Teens will be the most upset by the move as they will have developed very strong relationships with their friends.

Useful tips

Here are some useful tips to use as you tell your family about the move:

- o Tell them about the move as early as possible so they'll have time to get used to the idea of moving.

- o Discuss the advantages of moving with them, such as a room of their own, better schools, new entertainment facilities and so on.
- o Be sure to maintain a positive attitude; show your enthusiasm and eventually it will rub off on your kids.
- o Be prepared for negative comments and reactions. Don't just discount the opinions voiced: listen to them.
- o Listen and be patient and reassure them you will be there to help them through the transition.
- o Let them know that this is a family event, and that they can help with the move. They may be able to help with some planning or packing.
- o Answer questions to the best of your ability. If you cannot answer all the questions right away, say so. The important thing is that your kids see you are empathetic to their needs and open to any questions. This will make them feel more comfortable with the move.

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How to Wrap Furniture for Moving and Storage

By Jeff Morgan

Regardless if you hire professional movers or do it yourself, it is good to know how to wrap the furniture and what to expect. We sell moving supplies and often hear questions: - How many moving blankets do I need? Which moving blanket should I use and how do I wrap my furniture?

The way to wrap furniture for moving depends on specifics of your move. Is it interstate move, across the country, or local moving around the block? Loading PODS or international shipping container, or moving to long term storage?

If you are getting ready to move and concerned about safely moving your household goods this series of articles will show in details how to wrap your furniture for any large or small move. People sometimes underestimate amount of packing required for a moving job, but it is important to pack your personal belongings properly. I have been in the moving business for over 20 years, moved hundreds of families personally as a foreman and driver, and then thousands more as an owner of a moving company, both moving locally and moving interstate. I was teaching my movers the best and most efficient ways of handling and wrapping furniture, wrapping with blankets, crating, boxing, you name it.

Movers. Contrary to some statements I came across in other articles, Movers do care about your shipment, in most cases foreman is personally responsible to pay for your damages and movers also know that if something gets broken it is unlikely that they get any tips. At the same time movers do not have any sentimental attachment to your belongings and treat precious to you items as anything else. Their main goal is to secure the goods in a way that it will not break and will be easy to load. Therefore it is important to make a foreman (moving crew leader) which items require special care.

Do not expect movers to see your household goods the way you see it. The movers simply do not have time to consider how delicate each and every item might be. For example a bottle with exotic sand, layered by the color or even in a special design, will be ruined if simply laid on its side. Movers will make sure to pack the bottle that it will be safe, but they might not realize that the sand layers inside the bottle are not fixed and might mix into an ugly

mess from vibration in the truck. It is true that most damage occurs while carrying, loading and unloading, but it is also true that if movers (or yourself) do not load the truck properly some items will get damaged in transit.

Word of caution about shopping for a moving company: If you have valuable furniture to move - do not look for cheap movers, look for good ones. Inexperienced movers or movers with bad reputation compete on price, not on professionalism. Good movers deserve to be paid well. As the saying goes - you get what you paid for.

Moving Packing Supplies. There is variety of packing supplies available: bubble sleeves, plate cell packing kits, foam peanuts, bubble craft etc. We are not trying to cover 100% of the packing supplies, but only the most popular that are used by movers and that you can and should expect to find in a moving truck: Blankets, Boxes, paper, bubble wrap and Shrink wrap, plastic covers. With this set of supplies you can pack and move any type of furniture, china or artwork.

Moving Blankets. Moving blankets is mover's "tool of the trade". If you are moving locally and hiring a professional moving company you should expect them to show up with blankets and you should not be charged for it. But if you are moving long distance (interstate moving) or to storage, then purchasing your own moving blankets might be a good idea. Moving Blankets can be of two major kinds: Quilted or padded moving blankets and Non-Quilted,, also called Skins or Space Savers. Each has its use. Quilted Moving blankets usually come in 72 x 80 inches size and differ depending on the outer fabric and amount of filler, the heavier the blankets the more filler they have and the more protection they offer. Cheap moving blankets are made with nonwoven outer fabric and very light filler. These blankets can be very good if you are planning to place your stuff in long term storage or a small move.

Economy moving blankets provide adequate protection and do not take much room in the storage. For long distance or interstate moving where interstate carrier charges by weight the advantage is that these blankets are much lighter than regular moving blankets. For heavy solid wood furniture, leather couches, heavy dining tables etc. it is better to get heavier, thicker blankets that will provide better protection against bumps and dents. If you move often, moving blankets with woven outer fabric much more durable

moving blankets and will serve much longer. Non-quilted moving blankets can be made out of felt or burlap on one side and felt on the other. These should not be discounted especially if your main concern the furniture rubbing against each other. If you are packing your own pod, or container - you can use space savers with great success.

Another option is paper moving blankets. Paper packing blankets are constructed of two outer layers of brown kraft and three inner layers of light weight paper. The three inner layers can consist of newsprint, light weight kraft, tissue, bogus, or non woven papers. Most people are not even aware of paper blankets to be used for moving, meanwhile it is a very good alternative to quilted moving blankets, especially if you are moving only once or sending your goods to a long term storage or moving overseas. Paper blankets are breathable, provide good protection and 100% recyclable.

Boxes. Moving boxes can be single wall, such as Book boxes, Linen boxes etc. or double wall, such as China Boxes, TV boxes, Wardrobe boxes etc. Double wall boxes are much stronger and hold more weight. But please DO NOT try to load them to capacity. Loading Wardrobe box full of books is not a good idea. Name of the box is very suggestive: Book boxes (1.5 cubic feet) are for books, Small Linen boxes (3.1 c.f.) or Large Linen boxes (4.5 c.f.) are for folded clothes, towels and linen, China boxes, 5.2 c.f. is for fragile items, and wardrobe box (come in 10.1 c.f. or 15 c.f. and 4 ft tall) is for hanging clothes. And of course there are picture boxes, lamp boxes, mattress boxes and a whole line of all kinds of specialized boxes, corners etc.

Cushioning Materials. When you pack fragile items in a box - you need something to provide cushioning. Most popular is Bubble wrap and Blank newsprint. Blank newsprint or white paper comes in 5, 10 or 25 lbs bundles. Blank newsprint is the best for packing kitchenware, plates, china, fragile items, or simply filling empty spaces in a box. Bubble wrap come in 12 or 24 inch wide rolls and with various bubble sizes. Movers mostly use 0.5 inch bubble wrap 24 inches wide. Bubble wrap is good for wrapping electronics or large pieces of glass.

Plastic Covers. Plastic covers for moving would include Shrink wrap or stretch wrap and Plastic mattress cover, plastic sofa cover or plastic chair covers. Shrink wrap - is widely used in shipping to keep a load on a pallet together as one unit and not to allow it to fall apart or items disappear from

shipment. In moving furniture shrink wrap was originally used to keep items with small parts or opening doors or drawers together. Then it became a substitute for plastic covers to wrap mattresses. It is not at all better than a plastic mattress cover, but it is more profitable for a moving company: it cost much less to buy a roll of shrink wrap, but it takes longer to wrap plus mover can charge more for each item wrapped. Movers might even wrap shrink wrap on top of furniture already wrapped in blankets. It looks good, but it is very expensive and absolutely useless. If you put your items to storage shrink wrap is actually damaging to the furniture, because it traps the moisture and the furniture can actually rot under the shrink wrap if stored long enough. I would strongly recommend using mattress covers, because even if it will be wrapped in a blanket - you do not know what was wrapped in that blanket before. And mattress is what you sleep on. Also sofas with light colored upholstery would be better off if you cover it with plastic sofa cove before wrapping in the furniture blankets. Sometimes the color bleeds off the moving blanket onto upholstery.

SUMMARY: When preparing for the move consider specifics of your move and consider the furniture you want to wrap. Need to save space? - Get space savers or paper blankets, need better protection - get premium quality thick moving blankets. Want to keep your fragile safe - pack them in double wall strong boxes with a lot of cushioning materials Want your keep furniture clean - use Plastic furniture covers. In the next article we will go over specifics of wrapping various items of furniture.

There is variety of quality moving blankets available at <http://www.MoversSupplies.com>. We can produce custom moving blankets for you or custom furniture covers, and supply all essential Moving supplies, such as moving dolly, handtruck, moving boxes, plastic furniture covers etc. for your local or interstate moving.

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Local Moving Guide For A Smooth Move

By Lee Dobbins

If you're the type of person who cannot sit still at one place for a long period of time, then you share similarities to "movers". Movers are individuals who, due to personal choice or professional reasons, move from one state to another.

For some, it is an arduous task, but for others, like military families, they are used to picking up their stuff, moving to another state and starting all over again.

It takes a lot of guts and less sentimentality for movers to just pick up from their old state, transfer everything to the new one and begin fresh. This is pertaining to the emotional aspect. But this article focuses primarily on the more concrete and material agenda, which is tips on how movers can actually make it simple and less complicated. This is local moving.

"Local move" is the term referring to the moving of household items that is 100 miles from the point of origin to its final destination. It is within the same state. When a person moves beyond 99 miles in the same state, then this is called "intrastate move." If the person is traveling across the state lines, then that is referred to as "interstate moves."

When a person or a family is doing local moves, they are billed per hour. As for the intrastate and interstate moves, a person or a family is billed depending on the weight and size of their total shipment.

When doing a local move, choose a moving company. The moving company will then send an estimator or a sales person. His job is to give you a free moving estimate. Take note that the estimate must include separate amount for you, the mover, as well as the insurance, materials and packing.

Check if it has the address of your destination. If you are not sure what the exact address of your destination is when the estimates are being made, then the price will primarily change depending on the conditions of your final address. These conditions are the distance from the moving truck to the front door, the number of steps if there are stairs and how accessible your final destination is from the moving van.

For everything to be clear, make sure that the estimator gets a look of your destination before he hands you the final estimate.

Be aware that each state has different rules when it comes to moving estimates. For example, in California, the moving company provides you with a fixed price even before the move starts. The guaranteed price is the amount the company charges you for the services they provide. This is done in writing because verbal estimates are illegal. This law was made in order to prevent companies from stating low estimates via phone conversations and then charging their clients twice the amount mentioned on the moving day itself.

It is best that you do your research on moving companies. Naturally, they will offer different estimates. Compare the guaranteed price of the estimates and choose the moving company that will allow you to maximize your budget and at the same time provide you with the best service you can afford.

You have the right to ask the estimator the names of the movers. It is better that you know the foreman and the helpers who will be assisting you on moving days. When you hire a moving company, be acquainted to the movers because these movers are essentially part of the contract you signed.

You also have the right to choose what size the van should be. Make sure that the size of the truck arriving at your residence on moving day is what you agreed on. This is because van is also a part of the contract.

There are local companies charging their clients the similar rate whether they agreed on a 12-foot van or 50-foot van. Check with the estimator and ask whether he agrees to provide empty space in your van. Paying per hour allows you to make double trips but adds additional expenses. Consider the pros and cons of whether you get one or two vans.

Now when you are packing, you can actually do it three ways: You can do it yourself, you can have the local moving company assist you, or you can have them pack it themselves.

Since the movers and helpers are already paid for, some clients actually go for the second way, which is letting the local moving company assist in

packing. The packers will be responsible in packing the delicate items like breakable glass, chine and ceramics. Besides, the more experience in packing, the more assurance the client has on the safety of these prized possessions.

Here are a few reminders: Keep a watchful eye on the movers while they are helping you pack and loading your possessions. You have to be familiar with your destination, meaning that there is sufficient space for the truck you hired in front of your new home on moving day.

Most importantly, plan your whole move. The less surprises in store for you on moving day, the more calm you will be in settling into your new home.

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Ten Tips of How to Pack Moving Boxes For a Smooth Move When Hiring a Moving Company

By Kirstie Berzanski

Many people believe that a successful move is 100% determined by their moving company. Although your moving company does play a big role in the success of your moving day, the reality is that there are many little things that you have total control over to help make your moving day smooth and effective. One of these areas is packing your moving boxes properly.

The following 10 packing tips show you how to pack in order to protect your valuables and have a smooth moving day when hiring a moving company.

Tip 1: Close and tape all boxes shut before your movers arrive. Professional movers can not move open cartons. The reason for this is open boxes can not be stacked in the moving trucks and there is a higher risk of damage with items falling out of an open container. Any open box should be taped and sealed before the movers arrive.

Tip 2: Put any loose items that you want to be moved inside of moving boxes. Make sure that there are not any loose items lying on furniture or blocking the hallways. What may seem like only a few loose around on the floor or on furniture, can significantly reduce the speed in which your movers are able to operate.

Moving companies can not move loose items, unless they are inside of a moving carton. The reason is that loose items can not be stacked in a moving truck.

Tip 3: Use wardrobe boxes that your movers supply free of charge. Many local moving companies will provide these valuable tools free of charge for use the day of your move.

How this works is your movers will arrive to your home with empty wardrobe boxes. While your movers are loading the truck, you can start hanging your clothes up, and then once you are moved to your new home, we recommend that you immediately start moving your clothes out of the wardrobe box into your new closets so you can give the empty cartons back to the movers. This will save you a lot of time having our movers transport

your clothes and it will also save you money from not needing to purchase more supplies.

Tip 4: Be completely packed in moving boxes and "ready" when the movers arrive. With most local moving companies, you are paying by the hour. Therefore, being ready for a move means you are completely packed, you have all of your boxes shut and sealed, you have removed loose items from the floor and on top of furniture and you are ready to start loading your clothes.

Tip 5: Fill your boxes up to the top. Boxes are much stronger when they are filled completely. Partially filled carton boxes can easily compress when other boxes are stacked on top, so it is better to completely fill your boxes to the top. Crumple up newspaper to fill in any blank spaces you have in the boxes. This will also save you money on boxes, as you are maximizing your box purchase if you fill each one completely.

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Tip 6: Label all of your boxes with what room you want them to be moved into. If your movers know what room you want your boxes moved into, this will save you time and money. It takes a long time if you verbally have to tell the mover where each box should be placed. Instead, clearly and boldly label the room on the side of the box. Place is on the side so your movers will see your label even when the boxes are stacked. Also if it is fragile, state FRAGILE and include what is in the box.

Tip 7: Never pack heavy stuff and fragile stuff in the same box. Always remember, moving boxes may be turned upside down during the move. Heavy items on the bottom if turned upside down can crush light, fragile items packed on top.

Tip 8: Always use high quality ETC professional moving boxes. Many moving damages occur, from using grocery store boxes, or shipping boxes that are sold at many local stores. Professional moving cartons stack better, they do not compress and they protect a person's belongings.

Tip 9: Use the correct size moving boxes for what you are packing. It is also very important to put the right items inside of the correct size of box.

Generally heavier items should be placed in either the small 1.5 or the medium sized box 3.0. Very light items like pillows are the only items that should be placed in very large boxes. Boxes can become too heavy to transport, or they will not hold the weight of the material.

Tip 10: Remove all items from dressers and other furniture with drawers and pack them in your moving cartons. Many people think that movers can move their furniture while they still have belongings inside. The reality is that any professional moving company will want all belongings to be removed. Other than the fact that it gets too heavy to move, it is also not safe for your belongings inside. You will save time and money if you do this advance, versus having your movers have to ask you to remove all your items while they are waiting.

From Moving Box Delivery, we wish you a very successful move! Moving Box Delivery sells tuff and sturdy moving boxes. Our top selling cartons are hanging clothes wardrobe boxes.

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Moving Your Office? Here is an Office Moving Check List to Make Sure Remember Everything

By Mark S Myers

If you are in the process of or considering moving your office from one location to another that can be very challenging. There are so many little details you have to remember to do. Forget one or two and it can cause major setbacks for your business. Here is an office moving check list to make sure you remember everything that needs to be done.

1. Be sure to give directions and address to customers and clients that will be visiting your new location.
2. Be sure to set a mail forwarding with the Post Office so all your mail will be delivered to the new address.
3. Send a note to all your customers, clients, vendors about your move. Let them know where you are moving to and when the new address will take place. Assure them that there will be no disruption (or minimal at best) in service.
4. Make sure your local phone company and Internet provider is prepared to provide service at the new location on the right date and time.
5. If you utilize a cleaning service and they will continue doing business for you--be sure to make arrangements with them so they know where you are going.
6. Even if you have movers, it is always best to have workers pack their own items. That way everything is easier to find and put back when at the new location.
7. Try as best you can to keep your same phone numbers. Make sure you have a system in place so that voice mails and telephone information for callers is ready to go and there is no lapse.
8. Our office moving check list wouldn't be complete without this tip--Be sure to have notified your insurance companies and they know the dates you

will be leaving the old address and when you will move into the new location.

9. Be certain you have spoken with your bank well in advance so that the new location information can be printed on your company checks.

10. If you have payroll delivered be sure to notify your payroll company so they deliver checks to the right address.

11. Business cards and company stationary will all have to be printed with the new location address. Make sure this is done well in advance of the move.

12. Don't forget to have your address changed on your company website.

13. Inform any company you have service agreements with, like for office equipment or computers, of your move and the date you will be at the new location.

Moving to a new location can be hectic and somewhat disruptive. But if you are planned, prepared and well organized by using this office moving check list everything should go smooth with minimal problems.

For all your packing needs here is where you can find more helpful information at:

Office Storage Boxes. Also, here is where you can go for a great selection of Cardboard Storage Boxes.

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