



# 6 MONTH MOVING TIP GUIDE

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## 3- 6 MONTHS BEFORE

### Start Purging and Editing:

- Distinguish items that are included in the move (suitable to your new home). For items you plan on selling, give yourself plenty of time to coordinate.
- Separate items for family members, friends, donations, and junk removal. (This is a great way to save money/time).
- Create a purging plan so you have plenty of time to sort through everything. This will be rewarding and even cathartic!
- Create a moving folder with all important papers and documents.
- **123ORGANIZE HOT TIP:** If you are moving from a house to an apartment, be sure to eliminate your extra items before you move via donations, curb alert, etc.

## 2 MONTHS BEFORE

- Call moving companies for estimates. The further you book in advance, the cheaper it will be.
- **123ORGANIZE GOLDEN RULE:** Continue to sort and purge; don't pay to move anything you don't want to keep!
- Obtain a floor plan of your new home for your furniture placement.
- Notify credit card companies, banks, magazines, etc. of your address change, and update your driver's license and voter registration.
- Schedule work to be done in your new home.
- Plan to dispose of paint cans! Paint can removal is costly: make arrangements in advance. **DIY HACK:** Mix paint with kitty litter, and leave ample time to dry.

## 1 MONTH BEFORE

- **IF APPLICABLE:** Obtain building rules and policies for moving and reserve the elevator far in advance for your chosen moving day!
- Schedule a handyman for any repairs before moving out (ie. patching up holes, remove items attached to walls, light fixtures, etc.).
- Create a plan to redirect/sell your rugs if needed. These can be heavy to move and costly to throw out.
- Review your homeowner's insurance policy and consider purchasing separate insurance coverage for your move/items if not covered by your current insurance.
- Empty and close out your safety deposit box. Get reimbursement for any unused portion.
- Begin to diminish your current supply of food as much as possible. Only purchase pantry items as needed.

## 2 WEEKS BEFORE

- Notify utilities of date to change over your service.
- Pack fragile and valuable items you would like to move by yourself, and pack your "Unpack First" boxes at this time.
- Create a list for your essential overnight bag(s) —you don't want to forget anything: including electronics and charging cables.
- Prepare for closing/vacating: If necessary, schedule cleaning services so that your home can be left Broom Ready. You do not want any surprises or charges!
- Schedule pre-move-in cleaning of your new home.
- Make arrangements for animals and children to be off-site for all of the moving days.
- **IF APPLICABLE:** Make sure all necessary Certificates of Insurance (COI) are filled out and sent to the building(s) from the moving company.

## 1 WEEK BEFORE

- Collect all keys, door openers, and remotes to both homes.
- Take out cash from the bank to tip. Generally, movers are tipped 10-20% of the total moving cost.

### Prepare your overnight bags with linens and essentials:

- Contents of overnight bags: Two days of clothing for each family member, medications, electronics and all chargers, jewelry, toiletries
- Linens: Towels, sheets, bedding, pillows
- Essentials : Toilet paper, paper towels, soap, shampoo, light cleaning supplies, garbage bags, etc.
- Reserve a parking spot for the moving truck, if necessary.

## DAYS BEFORE

- If possible, turn on the fridge in your new home so that it will be cold when you move in.
- Set temperature controls for the new home (Heat/AC).
- Collect all remote controls and keys into ziploc bags labeled "DO NOT PACK," to stay in your current home.
- Plan for garbage pickup: If garbage pick-up isn't until after your move, coordinate with a neighbor so you have a place to leave your bags.

## MOVING DAY

- Do a final walk through and check all closets, cabinets, drawers, and inside kitchen appliances as well as around your house to ensure all items made it onto the truck.
- Have plenty of water on hand for movers.
- Have cash tips ready for movers at the end of the Moving Day.