

## Moving and Packing Checklist

### Prior to your move

Research moving companies via friends and family, Yelp.com, and Angie's List.

- Contact at least two moving companies.
- Make sure estimates include : Amount of time, equipment and materials necessary for your job.
- For Small moves, ask if the company has a minimum charge per move. And also, if your move takes less time than estimated, will it be billed accordingly
- Tell the movers about any furniture or exercise equipment that will need to be disassembled or reassembled.
- Book your preferred moving company with your intended date at least two to three months in advance of your move.
- Buy High Quality boxes, and packing tape from Home Depot, U-Haul, or through your moving company. Books must be packed in book boxes

- Choose what you intend to dispose of, or donate.
- Choose how you'd like to handle donations and disposal. Drop off locally, request an on-site pickup, or ask if your moving company will handle your donation and disposal needs.
- Pack boxes with items you plan to take with you. Group boxes accordingly to their destinations, and label accordingly- including a description of the contents.
- You, not your moving company, should transport valuables, such as jewelry, computers, precious artwork, and items of significant worth.
- Before your move, take pictures of furniture, and other valuable items. Label furniture with its corresponding room.
- Call your moving company, at least one week in advance, if the scope of your move becomes bigger or smaller than anticipated.
- Clean your home.

### Moving Day

#### The Day before your move

Ensure all entryways are clear so your movers can efficiently navigate. Unplug all appliances, TVs, etc., and disconnect gas and water lines.

- check each room and closet before leaving your home.
- Turn off all lights, lock all doors and windows, and clean as much of your home as possible.
- As the movers arrive at your new home, go through your list of inventory to ensure all your belongings have arrived, and inspect all furniture before signing the bill of lading.
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