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Moving Tips

1. (6–8) Weeks Before Moving (Strategic Planning)

Create a moving plan

- Set your moving date early (flexibility = lower costs)
- Decide: DIY vs. hiring professional movers
- Get at least 3 quotes and verify licensing/insurance
- Be comfortable with your choice, watch for Internet companies lacking an office

Declutter aggressively

- Movers charge by weight/time—less stuff = cheaper move
- Sort into: keep, donate, sell, discard
- Dispose of hazardous items (paint, propane, chemicals) properly

Inventory everything

- Create a room-by-room list, including all areas of the home
- Photograph valuables for insurance purposes

Research logistics

- Check parking rules for moving trucks, must accommodate between 25' to 40'
- Reserve elevators if in an apartment/condo
- Measure doorways and large furniture
- Arrange travel plans for you, your family and/or your pets

2. (4–6) Weeks Before Moving (Packing Prep)

Gather quality supplies

- Sturdy boxes (various sizes)

- Packing paper (not just newspaper—ink stains)
- Bubble wrap, tape, markers
- Specialty boxes (wardrobe, dish packs, mirror cartons, tv boxes)
- Use the right box – do not overpack boxes. All-Ways carries a full line of packing material

Start packing non-essentials

- Seasonal items
- Books, decor, rarely used kitchen items (Keep boxes under 50 lbs)

Label like a pro

- Use this format:
 - ROOM + CONTENTS + FRAGILE (if needed)
- Color-code by room for faster unloading
- Mark all four sides of box

Protect valuables

- Keep moving plans and important documents, i.e., checkbook, credit cards, passports, travel documents, jewelry, and small electronics with you
- Back up digital files. All-Ways Moving does not disconnect or reconnect appliances, or electronics

3. (2–3) Weeks Before Moving (Systematic Packing)

Pack room-by-room

- Avoid mixing items from different rooms
- Keep hardware (screws, bolts) in labeled bags taped to furniture, especially bed hardware

Use professional packing techniques

- Plates: pack vertically (less breakage)
- Glasses: wrap individually and cushion well
- Fill empty spaces to prevent shifting. (If you shake box and there is movement, there is risk of breakage from vibration on the truck.)

- Wrap all fragile items separate and pad bottom, sides and top of box.
- Notify mover of any marble pieces ahead of time to allow for appropriate materials to be provided.

Prepare appliances

- Defrost fridge/freezer 24–48 hours prior
- Disconnect and clean appliances
- Secure moving parts (washer drum, oven racks, microwave glass)
- All-Ways Moving doesn't disconnect or reconnect appliances.

Update your address

- Mail forwarding (USPS)
 - Banks, subscriptions, insurance, employer, utilities, schools, etc.
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4. (1) Week Before Moving (Final Prep)

Pack an essentials box (non-negotiable)

Include:

- Toiletries
- Medications
- Chargers
- Important documents
- Basic tools
- 2–3 days of clothes

Confirm moving details

- Reconfirm arrival time, addresses, and pricing with movers (update office with any changes in plans or addresses)
- Call local office to discuss any questions or concerns ahead of time
- Share contact numbers

Prepare your home

- Disassemble large furniture
 - Pack all dressers (All-Ways Moving will not move dressers full)
 - Drain gas/oil from equipment (lawnmowers, etc.)
 - Plan for pets and kids (keep them out of the way)
 - Refer to All-Ways Moving – Move Service & Policy Guide for what we won't move and guidelines for preparing the items we are moving
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5. Moving Day (Execution Phase)

Be present and organized (Being available for the entire move will help things run smoother)

- Walk movers through your home at the ***start of the move and at the completion*** to ensure nothing is missed – be sure to check closets, cabinets and crawl spaces, outside, basement, garage, etc.
- Identify fragile/high-value items clearly, i.e., china, glassware, marble, antiques, artwork, etc.
- Make movers aware if certain items need to be moved in first such as rugs, furniture, appliances, etc.

Do a final walkthrough

- Check closets, cabinets, attic, garage, sheds, outside, basement
- Turn off lights, lock windows/doors

Keep essentials with you

- Never put essentials box on the moving truck
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6. After the Move (Settling In)

Direct unloading

- Guide movers room-by-room using labels
- Prioritize essential areas (bedroom, kitchen, bathroom)

Inspect items

- Check for damage before signing paperwork
- Talk to Foreman with any concerns
- Note issues immediately and take pictures

Unpack strategically

- Start with essentials
- Flatten and recycle boxes as you go

Set up utilities & services

- Internet, electricity, water, trash
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Pro Tips Most People Miss

Efficiency Hacks

- Pack heavier items in small boxes, lighter items in large boxes
- Don't overpack boxes (max ~50 lbs)
- Use towels/linens as padding
- Pack room by room it's easier to stay organized

Cost-Saving Tips

- Move mid-week or mid-month (lower demand)
- Avoid peak season (summer)
- Do your own packing if budget is tight
- Move smaller, fragile, personal, intimate items yourself

Risk Reduction

- Get valuation coverage/insurance (All-Ways Moving staff would be happy to explain in detail.)
- Avoid packing prohibited items:
 - Flammable liquids

- Perishables
- Cash

Furniture Protection

- Wrap furniture with moving blankets + shrink wrap
- Remove legs when possible
- Protect corners and edges

Professional-Level Organization

- Number your boxes and keep a master list
 - Example: Box #12 = Kitchen utensils
 - Makes lost items easy to track
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🚫 Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Waiting too long to book movers – we hate to tell our customer’s NO.
 - Not labeling boxes clearly
 - Packing valuables in the truck
 - Underestimating time needed, especially for packing and unpacking
 - Forgetting to measure furniture/doorways
 - Skipping insurance coverage
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Optional: “White Glove” Moving Upgrades

Professional movers often offer:

- Full-service packing/unpacking (This can also include debris removal for a fee)
- Custom crating for artwork
- Temporary storage solutions
- Furniture assembly/disassembly