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Tips for an Easy Move

Moving is hard work, but these smart, handy suggestions can make it easier.

✓ **Label your boxes** with colored stickers or different colored markers that correspond to different rooms.

✓ Set aside about **10 extra boxes** for moving day.

✓ **Get smaller boxes**. Although big boxes can hold more, they can become too heavy to lift.

✓ **Pack rarely used items ahead of time**. This will save you time when moving day gets closer.

✓ **Pack things in the order** of how you want them to come out. It takes a little extra planning but will make unpacking easier and save you loads of time.

✓ **Pack related things together**. For example, pack bookends with books and extension cords with appliances.

✓ Always **pack your boxes solid**, even if the majority of it is newspaper or packing peanuts. This will prevent items from sliding around without adding a lot of extra weight.

✓ **Pack each room individually**. It is better to pack room by room so you avoid mixing up items.

✓ **Do not attach tape directly to polished or painted wood finishes** because removing the tape could ruin the surface. Also, try double-boxing fragile items for extra protection.

✓ **Take digital photos of complicated electronic hookups** (stereos, home entertainment systems, computers). Then use your photos as a diagram when assembling in your new home.

✓ **Make an "Open First" box** containing all the things you'll need when you first arrive — toiletries, medications, light bulbs, flashlights and towels, for example.

✓ **Use suitcases** to their full potential. Suitcases are one of the few items that you need to pack that can also be packed into. It's a great space and cost saver.

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✓ **Ask your kids what they want to know about where you are moving**. This will tell you how your kids are feeling and give them something to look forward to when they arrive.

✓ **Keep tools and supplies handy**. You'll need to take things apart when moving out and put them back together when moving in. Keeping supplies nearby makes moving easier and saves time.

✓ Before you leave, **walk through every room** and open all closets and cabinets to make sure you got everything.

✓ **Pack your truck a quarter at a time**, making sure to stack things from the floor to the ceiling. This will allow you to get the most out of your space.

✓ **Have your children unpack their rooms first**. (This will keep them busy and out of the way.)

✓ Every family member should have a **"Survival Pack"** with extra clothes, toiletries and favorite things (toys, books, music, etc.) to help with the trip and first night.

✓ **Have a back-up plan** for the first night in your new home. If you arrive before the moving trucks, you'll need somewhere to sleep. Have inflatable beds, sleeping bags or hotel reservations just in case.

✓ **Check the batteries in all the smoke detectors** and plan a fire escape route in your new home.

✓ After moving in, have your kids make a list of **things they like about their new home**, new school and new community. This will help them get settled and focus on the good things.

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