# Moving Day Tips and Tricks



## House preparations

- Be prepared for the moving company to do something different than your last company.
- Create a "Do not pack space" and clearly mark the space. Consider locking the space, if able, or packing it into your car.
- If able, have children and pets out of the house on packing and loading day.
- Enlist the help of friends and family to supervise movers.

#### Working with movers

- Feed and/or provide drinks for the movers. (not required but appreciated)
- Treat the movers with respect and maintain a positive mentality. Movers' motivation to do a good job will decrease if you treat them poorly.
- Remember your packing and load crew will not be your unloading crew.
- Ensure movers are treating your household goods with care.
- Watch the movers pack your electronics.

## End of the day

- Ensure you know the location of the parts box.
- Take a solid walkthrough of the house before the movers leave
- Put contact information on or in boxes in case the shipment gets separated.
- Consider using colored masking tape to mark each room and its boxes. It will cut down on confusion while unpacking.

## Move forms

- Put anything that you consider high value on the high-value item list, even if it may not meet the criteria.
- Have the movers consult you before marking any damage on the inventory list.
- Take the time to closely review the inventory list. Ensure it is legible and only the items that have actual damage have been noted. Question any mass markings of damage.



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