



GETTING READY FOR A MOVE

How can you possibly prepare for the move to your new apartment? A few simple tips will make your life easier and make the move as stress free as possible.

- Choose a mover if you don't plan on doing it yourself. Consider moving at a non-peak time to reduce the expenses of a mover or truck rental. The first of the month is always the hardest time to find reasonably priced moving help.
- Use the proper materials. Use sturdy boxes and don't skimp on packing materials. Bubble wrap, newspaper, styrofoam peanuts and linens that are going to move with you anyway make great protective covers for your breakable or sensitive items.
- Label your boxes. It will save you time on the other end and if you are using a professional mover, label each box with the room they should deposit it in. Also write on the box what it contains. It will help a lot when you are looking for that one item on moving day. Make sure to mark things that are fragile.
- Pack one room at a time. You will make quicker progress and will be more organized.
- Don't assume you should leave things in furniture with drawers. Drawers can open during a move and precious things can get broken.
- Put heavy items in small boxes. Have you ever tried lifting a huge box of books!!

Now that you are all packed what should you consider next:

- Pack your car or truck with the least needed items first. Most important items should go in last so that they get unpacked first.
- Plan for what you need as soon as you arrive at your apartment. A box of toiletries, kids toys to keep them busy, a basic dinner, and maybe a change of clothes.
- Make sure you have booked an elevator if necessary in your new home and that you have arranged to pick-up your keys and deliver any outstanding rent owing before you move in.
- Ensure you have completed a change of address form with the post office, arranged for any utilities or other hook-ups and disconnected services in your old home.
- Ask your new landlord if they have any service providers for cable and phone that will offer discounts to the residents of their building.

Overall, plan enough time to pack and move and try to think ahead regarding things you might need. Chaos might prevail initially, but it will not last as you happily settle into your new home.