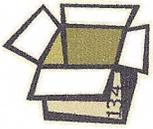
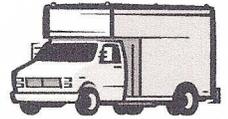


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Organizing Tips for the Home



Top 10 Tips - Getting Organized For Your Move

- 1 Determine Your "Bring Along" Criteria**
Identify how you will decide what to keep and what to discard. Engage the entire family in the discussions. Once determined, stick to your own criteria.
- 2 Pack Room by Room**
Start small. Find a corner of a room and start packing things you won't need before you move. Leave the boxes, open, in the room.... just in case
- 3 Use a Checklist**
List all the things you need to do - address changes, utilities off, utilities on, etc. Cross them off as you get each one done. You'll be amazed how much progress you really have made.
- 4 Plan Furniture Placement**
Measure your furniture and the new rooms. Make scaled-down paper cut-outs of your furniture and "play" with where you want each item on a scaled room schematic. Knowing in advance will save time and problems at the other end.
- 5 Get Help - Involve All Family Members**
Moving affects the whole family. Give each member, including the children, specific tasks and timeframes to complete. Enlist friends and family to help.
- 6 Use Box Sizes Appropriate For the Weight**
Use smaller boxes for heavy items like books and paper. Use larger boxes for light things.
- 7 Familiarize Yourself With Your New Neighbourhood**
Drive around your new neighbourhood before you move. Locate the bank, grocery store and restaurants. This will save you stress during your first days and weeks in your new home.
- 8 Labels, Labels and... More Labels**
As you pack each box, label it with the room into which it will go and list the contents. Once moved, it will be easy to identify what is in which box
- 9 Pack a "Survival" Kit for the First Few Days**
Things don't always go according to plan. Identify and pack separately the things you will need to survive for the first few days... just in case. Include the children's and pet's favourite things. The more they are surrounded by familiar things, the less stress for all.
- 10 Get More Boxes Than You Think You Will Need**
It's amazing how quickly boxes get filled up. Better to have more on hand than run out and have to get some more. You can always return any boxes you don't need.

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