



Residential Moving Tips

One of the top 10 most stressful life events is moving. I have been working closely with our clients for over 25 years to help make their experience as stress-free as possible. Here are some key pieces of advice to help make sure that together we can make that happen:

Gather organize and plan:

- Go back to your moving folder and review all your notes, confirmations and to do lists.
- Remember to prepare as much as you can in advance to keep your moving costs low.
- Confirm with Shari for the size of the moving truck and the number of movers.
- Confirm with your local Municipal Public Works for garbage day and other disposables or contact your local Eco-centre.
- [Confirm the reservations for parking and the elevators if applicable](#)
- [Confirm your arrangements for your children and pets for the day of the move](#)

Who and how to notify that you are moving and how to prepare before you start packing:

Go back over your list of personal contacts families and friends, utilities, insurance and service providers (cable internet etc.) to make sure you have contacted all the appropriate people about your moving day.

How to pack and label your boxes:

This is still your most important task to ensure a smooth and speedy move. Make sure that it is a system that we can easily identify and understand (you can always call me for advice), so stick to the basics. Go back and look over your boxes to make sure that everything is sealed properly and easily identifiable. Leave behind a few extras for last minute packing:

- A few boxes

- Tape
- Unprinted newsprint
- Labels
- Black marker

What do I have room for, making a floor plan and measuring your furniture:

Review your floor plan and measure again to make sure that everything you are bringing will fit and that you have an idea of where everything will be placed. Don't move with extra pieces you don't have room for.

Tip: If you are ordering new furniture and you live in an elevator building, make sure you measure that the piece will fit in the elevator. If not, most delivery companies will charge extra if they have to carry it up a staircase.

What tools and supplies should I have on hand on the day of my move:

- Clear all hallways and entryways for easy access
- Don't block your furniture with boxes
- Disassemble whatever you can in advance
- Keep Ziploc bags for the hardware for each piece of furniture. Don't forget to label each bag.

Avoiding moving day mayhem:

Make sure you haven't booked any deliveries or installations for the day of your move. Pack an overnight bag or survival kit for the day of your move. Your kit should include:

- A fresh set of sheets and your pillows
- Pyjamas
- Toiletries

- Medications
- A change of clothes
- Light bulbs
- Toilet paper
- Extra set of keys to your new home
- Take-out menus from your new area
- Paper plates, cups, utensils
- Charger/Plug for your cell phone and computer
- Broom, mop and some cleaning supplies

This kit should stay with you all day – keep the kit in your car or somewhere you will be able to find it easily at the end of your moving day.

My new home will not be ready for the day I have to move – what should I do?

Firstly, don't panic! Take a look back at my [Week 7 tip](#) to see what different scenarios you may encounter and try to handle your particular situation with a level head and problem solving in mind. Remember, you can't control what is not in your hands!

Moving Day!

All your hard work and preparation are about to pay off. Set your alarm clock at least 1 hour before the movers are scheduled to arrive, set a backup alarm on your phone, get dressed, have your coffee and let's go!

For the last 20 years I have seen many interesting, sometimes humorous and unexpected things happen on moving day. I can't tell you how many people have lost their contracts, can't find their keys, packed their cheque books, can't find their wallet or credit cards, forgot to charge their phone, or even forgot to pack an entire closet or kitchen cabinet? Unfortunately, the answer is, very often!

So here are a few things to remember on moving day:

Before your movers arrive:

- Finish packing your last-minute boxes
- Put your overnight bag (survival kit) and your personal items in your car
- Grab a case of water for yourself and the movers – no alcohol please.
- Make sure your phone is on or that the movers have a way to reach you in case of emergency

When your movers arrive:

- Murry will introduce himself when he arrives so you can do a walk through together and you can advise him of any special instructions for the move
- Confirm that they have the correct contract information
- Since your movers will most likely expect payment in full at the end of the day, confirm that you have the correct form of payment readily available

Before you leave for your new location:

- Do a walk through to make sure that nothing has been left behind
- Check that the movers have the correct new address
- Make sure you have the keys for the new location
- Lock-up and get ready to move on.

I hope that my tips will help make your move a success with little stress. I would really enjoy hearing your feedback, comments and success stories. Please share them with us on Murry Transport's Facebook page or on Google review. And if you have found some of your own moving tips that may help others in the future for their moves, I would love to hear them.

I wish you a stress-free successful moving day. Good luck and thank you for choosing Murry Transport!

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