

## Tips for a Smooth Move

1. Get a move-in date *in writing* from the buyer/seller to avoid unnecessary problems on move-in day.
2. Start growing through your possessions to get rid of unnecessary items. Donate the extras or have a garage sale.
3. Compare rates for moving companies verses do-it-yourself rentals. Arrange in advance for moving services or truck rental. Moving companies and truck rentals get booked up around the busiest moving dates of the month.
4. Start packing early! Mark every box and carton so you'll be able to unpack quicker or find anything you suddenly need.
5. Color code the boxes to match the rooms where they will go in your new home. For example, all boxes marked with yellow dots will go in the new kitchen. It will make the move go much faster and you won't be lugging boxes from room to room.
6. Create a staging area where any items ready to be moved are placed. This keeps your current living area uncluttered and gives you a place to look should you need to find an item already packed.
7. Enjoy your new home!

