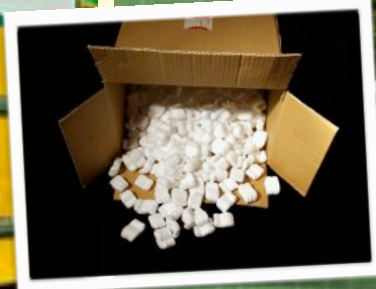


# Easy Moving Guide

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ISSUE ONE



*Embracing change opens the door to new opportunities.*

## 5 Tips For Stress Free Packing

1) **Boxes Are Best!** Boxes are a must have for moving because they are usually regular sized, easy to carry and if taped together correctly, rarely fall apart. Regular sizes are important for maximizing your van space and ensuring you're not wasting areas in your transport that could otherwise be filled. Bags can be easily compressed anywhere, but it is possible, however, for bags to be

mistaken for trash and thrown out.



2) **Bags Can Help.** Bags are good for soft

items like clothing, bedding, linen and when you've ran out of boxes to pack anything. Teddies and soft toys also work well in bags - any edged objects, or items that are likely to be too heavy to carry in a plastic bag should be placed in boxes.

3) **Big Then Little.** When packing, it is important to maximize space - and pack your biggest objects first, then fill space around them. Books are easiest to pack, odd shaped, awkward items such as ornaments and other items are the worst to pack, and

**“Maximize Space by Packing your Biggest Objects First”**

both types should go in boxes, as should dishes and other objects that are considered fragile.

4) **Mark Your Belongings.** Label all boxes and bags (if you can) carefully - it makes them easier to find

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things, and to sort into rooms when you arrive in your new house without having to break them open to look inside. This will help save lots of frustration. **Marking tip:** Buy completely different bags for your trash/give away items and your belongings. Mark the bags you're using for belongings clearly so that they don't get tossed out and mistaken for garbage.

#### 5) **Unpacking takes time.**

While it may only take you a couple of weeks to pack, it can take eight weeks - or MORE to unpack - so though you think you're 'just boxing items up for a couple of days' pack wisely and remember that you may not find items for up to two months, or perhaps more.

### **Have You Considered Hiring a Moving Company?**

Hiring a company to move you is something that you will want to consider if you can't find the time to do it yourself, or it's impossible for you to pack and move.

*Moving companies offer several great reasons to hire them* - with different levels of service. Some companies will provide hired hands only to show up and move you and your packed

belongings, while other companies will pack, clean and move your belongings from your old place to the new place while you are away at work.

There are a growing number of 'complete' package companies springing up, designed especially for professionals - allowing them to move to their job, without any hassle of it all. These companies do it all - from renting the truck, providing the boxes, securely packing your precious possessions, and moving you in. Some even help with decorating ideas to maximize the space in your new home.

You'll need to check any company out thoroughly before hiring them - each company should be screened to your satisfaction, with viable references, if possible. You should also search for any complaints or comments about them online, and see what comes up. The most helpful recommendations should contain information on whether they were prompt, priced fairly, or added additional costs.

You may also want to ask the company themselves for references, and information on when their cheapest and most expensive times are to move. You may find moving midweek to be far more cost effective, as

weekends always carry a premium.

The company you eventually choose to move you will want to come out and inspect your home, to work out what they will be moving, and to provide you with an estimate, you may want to de-clutter before they arrive - they will take an inventory, in some cases, with you and decide what your cost will be. These companies will also provide you with an overview of their insurance - review it carefully so you're sure of what is covered and what you're liable for, should the worst happen. **Are you ready to move? Call (888)813-8817**

### **Looking For Cheap Boxes?**

1. **Ask a Buddy** - If you know someone at work, school or church who has just moved, ask if they have some extra boxes you can use.

2 **Operation Produce** - Produce is shipped around the country in sturdy cardboard boxes. Stop by the produce department and ask a worker what time of day they have empty boxes. Apple and potato boxes are best.

3 **Stop by a Liquor store.** Liquor is shipped in very sturdy boxes, because the bottles are heavy and fragile. These boxes are ideal for packing books and dishes.

4 **Go To Work.** Large computer boxes are great for packing clothes and blankets, but you'll want to avoid packing them with heavy items. Ask a friend who works at a large company to track down some empty boxes before they get sent to recycling.

# Renting A Moving Van

## Reserve Early

Unless you're moving a very short distance and can do many trips in your own vehicle its important to book your van as far in advance as possible, to help you to ensure that you get your van.

## Determine If You Want Help



You'll need to decide whether you're moving yourself or hiring a van

and moving team to assist you. Some moving teams have drivers and can assist with the driving responsibilities.

## Do Your Research

You can collect quotes online based on your move date and expected destination. You may also have to pay a deposit on your van so you should take that, and your fuel requirements into account - so that you can budget accordingly.

## Get The Right Size

An average four bedroom house requires around a ten ton van, but some families have less belongings, and some have more, so its important to judge carefully and ask around rental firms for their opinion. These may or may not be included in your final price for rental, so you may need to look closely at each quote before deciding which one works for you.

# Things to Check Before Moving In Your New Home



*"This is our first home and it sure is nice to have someone with integrity we can trust to help us transition from our old apartment"*

## Before moving into your new home, these are things you should look for and ask about...

Before moving any of your belongings into your new home, its important to make sure that everything is as it should be. You may have had a list of repairs you expected or this may be the first time you've seen the house empty. Take some time to go around with a notepad and check all of the sockets for obvious signs of wear and tear and look for damage that you might be otherwise liable for.

Ensure that all cupboards are empty, free of moisture, mold or bad smells, and keep a close note of what where the electricity, water and gas valves are. While examining the home, you'll also be getting a feel for where you can place any furniture, how to get it up any stairs or even just inside the house. Jot down any damage or

concerns you have to discuss with whomever you're dealing with (Real state Agent or Leaser), its important to have these notes before moving anything in so that you can get the problems remedied as soon as possible.

If you're leasing from a landlord, he'll should give you a list of any fittings, fixtures and furniture he's including, its very common nowadays for landlords to leave kitchen appliances, such as the fridge, freezer, washing machine and stove. Your landlord should also give you contact details, emergency repair numbers and any paperwork pertaining to emergency repairs that you may need.

You should also ensure that the central heating and A/C units are working correctly. Collecting any manuals for these from the previous occupants will save you a lot of frustration in the long run. Welcome to your new home!



## The World's Best Packing Order

Unfortunately optimal packing order is based **entirely on preference**. Some people like to pack their living room last - some like to pack rooms in two steps - one step is to remove the non essentials, and next go round to complete packing, still others like to pack a little wherever they can, whenever they can.

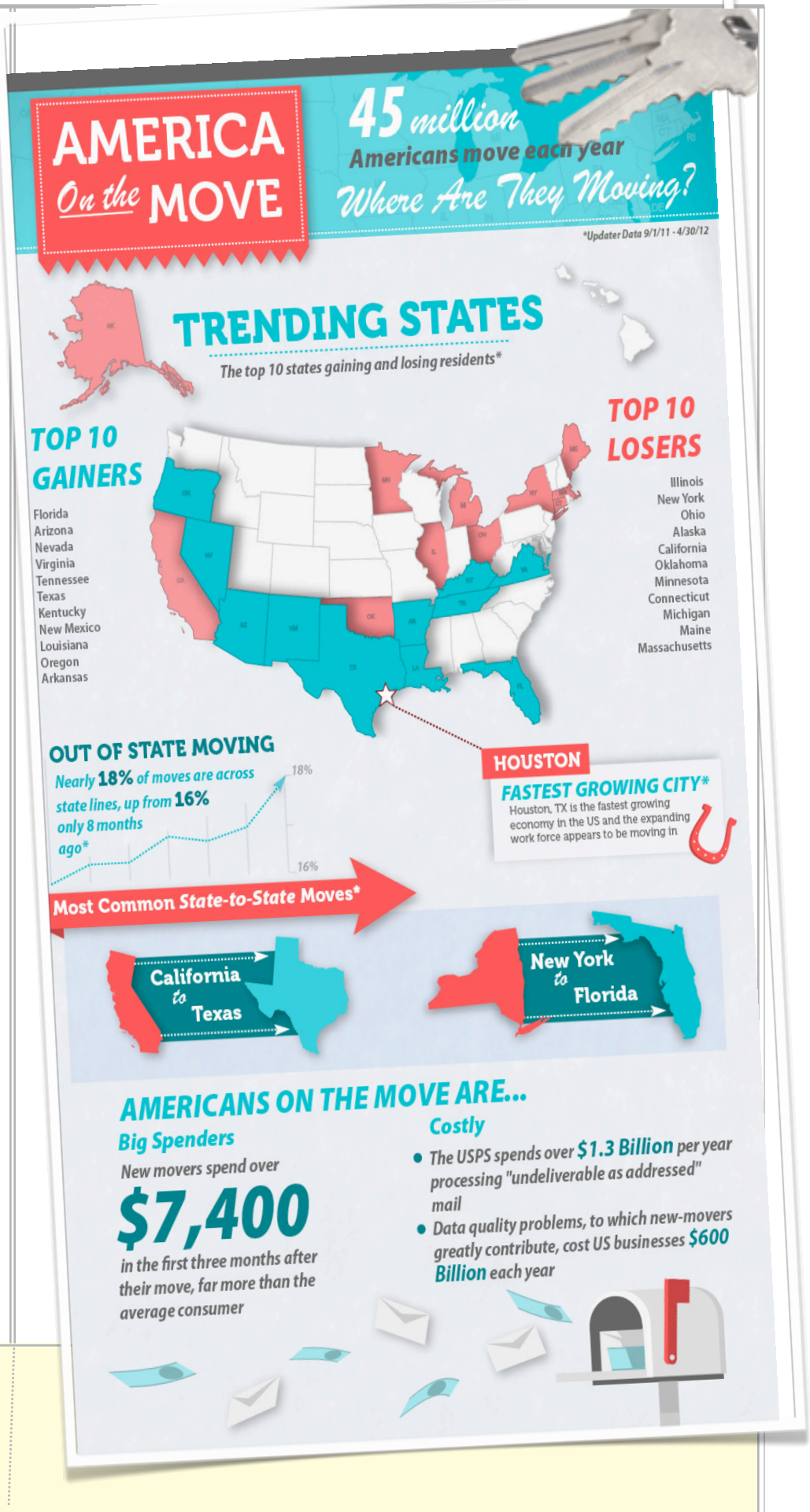
### Here a Few Guidelines to Help

1. **De-clutter thoroughly and decide on what's unimportant.**
2. **Pack Books, Cd's DVD's .**
3. **Out of Season wardrobes, your garage, and shed can be packed next.**
4. **Packing away any rooms or areas that need repair work done leave only essentials.**
5. **Next gradually pack bedrooms, toys, and more clothes.**
6. **Your dishes, cutlery and cooking utensils is probably best kept for last, alongside any of your home office materials you use regularly.**
7. **the morning of your move if you can - as is anything like shampoo, toiletries and work uniforms and equipment you use for your work.**

Your packing schedule should be somewhat flexible taking into account any redecorating or repairs you want to undertake. - You will also want to enjoy the remaining moments in the home that is now apart of your Life's Story.

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# Moving to a Transition place to save for your *Dream Home?*

## Making the temporary move.

Making the "temporary" move is becoming more and more common place; in many cases it is worth it, but it does add the extra step. Because now you have to add arranging storage to your "to do list". It can be a blessing or a nightmare, however, a blessing because you can have a convenient, cheap, secure option to place your furniture. A nightmare because your *George Forman* grill or *Snuggie* may not be handy when you need it.

Sometimes, there just isn't enough room for all of your cool belongings when moving back home or when moving with other family members while you are diligently saving money for your first or next home.

### So, here is the deal with storage!

Storage companies are basically large warehouses or containers that you can rent, ranging in size from a box room to an area large enough to store a complete house.

Storage is most useful if you're needing to move out of one house before your other house is ready or when you've sold your old house but haven't finished arranging the new

one. It saves the you having to work out what to do with your things.

It's not a good idea when you have too much furniture for your new house, because you refuse to toss out your worn, "comfortable", eclectic furniture pieces given to you 10 years ago.

**But if storage is right for you they can protect your valuables.**

While garages and sheds are great for short term storage, they aren't well protected, in some cases against the elements, and garages and sheds also, while accessible, may need to be used for other things.

If you're moving long distance, its always good to research, throughly, by phone or in person, how much access you or your designee will have to your possessions. You can also ask what sort of identification they'll need to be given access to your storage unit.

If you're unsure of storage companies, and you're using a removal company simply ask them and they may have a group of storage companies they deal with, and offer you a better premium than you may otherwise get. It also means that you've got less research to deal with.



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