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## Tips for Moving To Your New Home

A Guide for Preparing, Packing, and Moving to a New Home

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# Things to Consider When Preparing For A Move

Moving to a new home can be a stressful experience. If you're selling a home in addition to moving it can be even more stressful. You have the added stress of tasks such as finding a buyer and accommodating the buyer through the due diligence and inspection processes and scheduling repairs associated with the sale of your home. So finding time to pack, organize and coordinate the move can be overwhelming. However, with proper planning and preparation, much of the stress can be alleviated, and the process can be a smooth one.

## You'll want to plan and prepare for the following:

- **Budget:** Consider the cost of the move and plan a budget accordingly.
- **Distance:** The distance you are moving can affect the cost of the move, the time it takes, and the logistics involved.
- **Timing:** Choose a move date that fits your schedule and consider the best time to move, such as avoiding peak moving seasons.
- **Transportation:** Decide how you will move your belongings, such as hiring a moving company, renting a truck, or shipping your items.
- **Packing:** Decide if you will pack your belongings yourself or hire professionals to do it for you.
- **Storage:** If necessary, consider options for storing items before, during, or after the move.
- **Utilities:** Don't forget to arrange utility services at your new home, such as internet, cable, gas, water, and electricity.
- **Change of address:** Update your address with the post office and essential institutions, such as banks and the DMV.
- **Moving with pets or children:** If you are moving with pets or children, make sure to plan accordingly to keep them safe and comfortable during the move.

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# How To Prepare a Budget For Your Move

Create a budget for your move, including moving expenses, travel costs, and any additional expenses you may incur during the transition.

Things you will want to consider are if you want to hire someone to move your belongings for you or if you want to “do it yourself”.

When preparing your budget, take into account packing supplies, hotel accommodations, and potential storage fees.

If you are storing your items, contact several storage companies for quotes. Many times they are running some great specials that you can take advantage of.



# Researching Moving Companies

Finding a great moving company seems to be hit or miss. You want to find a company that is reliable. Reliability is more important than cost. You may pay a little more, but it's worth it when a moving company shows up on time, takes care when loading your belongings, and delivers your furniture and personal item undamaged.

Here are some steps you can take:

- Ask for recommendations from friends, family, or local real estate agents who may have experience with moving companies.
- Check online reviews and ratings for the moving companies you are considering. Websites such as Yelp, Google, and Angie's List can provide insight into a company's customer service, reliability, and professionalism.
- Verify that the moving company is licensed and insured. You can check the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) website for the company's USDOT number and insurance information.
- Contact the moving company and request a quote. Be sure to ask about any additional fees or services, such as packing, storage, or insurance.
- Compare quotes from multiple moving companies and consider the level of service, experience, and cost.
- Before signing a contract, review it carefully to ensure that all the services you need are included and that there are no hidden fees or surprises.
- If you're doing it yourself, check prices with several truck rental companies. Take into account rental fees, mileage fees, and any other incidental fees the company may charge.
- Consider a hybrid alternative such as PODS, where you can pack yourself, and the company will move your belongings and even store them until you are ready for them.

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# Tips for Packing Up Your Home For The Move

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Packing up a home can be time-consuming and daunting, but with some planning and organization, you can make the process easier and less stressful. Here are some tips to help you pack up your home:

- **Start early:** Begin the packing process as soon as possible, ideally a few weeks before your move.
- **Declutter:** Sort through your belongings and get rid of anything you no longer need or want. This will help you save time and money by reducing the amount of stuff you need to pack and move.
- **Label boxes:** Clearly label each box with its contents and the room it belongs in. This will make it easier to unpack and organize your belongings in your new home.
- **Use quality packing materials:** Invest in good-quality packing materials, including sturdy boxes, packing tape, bubble wrap, and packing paper.  
*You may consider a Social Media post asking if anyone has extra boxes and packing supplies. Many times you can pick up boxes and bubble wrap at no charge saving you money in packing supplies.*
- **Pack fragile items carefully:** Wrap delicate items, such as dishes and glassware, in bubble wrap and pack them tightly in boxes.
- **Pack by room:** Pack items from each room together and label the boxes accordingly. This will make it easier to unpack and organize your belongings in your new home.
- **Pack a box of essentials:** Pack a box of items you'll need immediately upon arrival in your new home, such as toiletries, a change of clothes, and important documents. If possible, keep this box with the items you need for traveling.
- **Hire professionals:** Consider hiring professional movers to pack your belongings. They have the experience and expertise to ensure that your items are packed safely and efficiently. (Although this is a more expensive option.)

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# Tips for Traveling to Your New Home

If you're traveling over 100 miles to your new home, you may need to consider other things not normally associated with a move. Here are some tips that will help the travel go a little smoother.

- Have an itinerary drafted for the move. Think about times of travel, food when traveling, and overnight stays that may be required.
- Keep important documents with you. Make sure you have any documents you will need during or immediately after the move on your person and not packed in your belongings.
- Keep medication with you. In the event you or your belongings are delayed, you'll want to have your prescription and over-the-counter medications readily available.
- Make sure all important contact information is written down or stored in your phone. You'll want the numbers for your movers, physicians, veterinarian, and friends or family of where you're going readily available if needed.
- If you have time, consider treating the move as a vacation and stop at some attractions along the way. This helps reduce the stress of moving by taking your mind off of the actual move.
- If you're traveling with pets, you'll want to keep them comfortable and calm during the move. The next section talks about moving with a pet.



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## Tips for Moving With Pets

Moving with a pet can be stressful for both you and your furry friend, but there are some steps you can take to make the process smoother:

- Update your pet's information: Make sure your pet is up-to-date on vaccinations, and update their microchip and ID tags with your new address and contact information.
- Visit the vet: Before you move, take your pet to the vet for a check-up and to get any necessary medication for the trip.
- Pack a pet kit: Bring a separate bag with your pet's food, water, toys, and any medications they may need during the move.
- Make travel arrangements: Depending on the distance of the move, you may need to make special travel arrangements for your pet, such as booking a pet-friendly hotel or arranging for a pet transport service.
- Keep your pet comfortable: During the move, make sure your pet is comfortable by keeping them in a secure carrier, providing plenty of water and bathroom breaks, and keeping them cool in warm weather.
- Help your pet adjust: Once you arrive at your new home, give your pet time to adjust to their new surroundings by keeping them in a quiet, comfortable area and gradually introducing them to the rest of the house.

## Tips for Unpacking and Being Prepared at Your New Home

- **Make a plan for utilities and services:** Make sure your utilities and services are set up before you move in, including electricity, gas, water, and internet.
- **Make repairs and improvements:** Take the opportunity to make any necessary repairs before you unpack. This may include painting, deep cleaning, or replacing old fixtures.

*You may want to consider hiring a cleaning service to deep clean your new home before you move in your belongings.*

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- **Take inventory:** Before you start unpacking, take an inventory of your belongings to ensure that everything arrived safely and nothing is missing.
- **Unpack strategically:** Start with essential items such as kitchenware, bedding, and toiletries, and work your way through the rest of your belongings. This will help you feel more settled in your new home.
- **Update your information:** Notify your contacts of your change of address, including your bank, credit card companies, and other essential contacts. Also, update the address on your driver's license and vehicle registration.
- **Get to know your new community:** Take some time to explore your new neighborhood and get to know the local community. This can help you feel more connected and comfortable in your new home.
- **Meet your neighbors:** Take the time to introduce yourself to your neighbors and get to know the people in your new community. This can help you feel more connected and comfortable in your new home.

Moving can be stressful and overwhelming, but with proper preparation, you can concentrate on the excitement of your new home more and less on the process of moving.

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## About The Yost Group

The Yost Group is a team of Realtors that serve the Lowcountry of South Carolina and Coastal Empire of Georgia. What does that mean? From Yemmessee SC to Richmond Hill if you're traveling down I-95. This area includes some of the more well known communities of Beaufort, Hilton Head, Hardeeville, Bluffton, and Okatie in SC and Savannah, Pooler, and Richmond Hill in GA.

The Yost Group believes that service must always be put before sales. "Our clients are our most important assets and if they aren't happy we're not happy".

Missy Yost has earned her CRS Designation, one of the top and most difficult designations in Real Estate. She also has certifications in Luxury Real Estate and is named as one of the Top 300 in the Lowcountry based on sales volume. She has been featured in various magazines and online publications and serves on many local and national committees regarding Real Estate.

Darren Yost has earned designations as a Senior Real Estate Specialist (SRES) and Military Relocation Professional (MRP). Darren has also been honored as a recipient of the Realtors Service Award for the past 4 years.

You cannot go wrong hiring The Yost Group for your Real Estate needs. It is true that you Get the Most With Yost

