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Moving Soon?

It doesn't matter if you're moving across town or just across the street: Relocating is never easy. Between packing boxes, loading trucks and hauling heavy furniture through narrow halls and stairwells, even a simple move can be exhausting.

Of course, professional movers can help streamline the process, but that convenience comes at a cost. Even if you do it yourself, the expenses can quickly add up. From packing supplies and storage fees to truck rentals and fuel costs, moving is rarely as seamless or affordable as expected. And the farther you go, the more complicated and expensive the process becomes.

Late summer also happens to be one of the busiest times to move, as families try to settle in before the new school year and leases turn over at the end of the month. Luckily, a little planning can go a long way toward reducing unnecessary hassle and expense. This month's newsletter explores practical ways to make moving easier, so keep it on hand for whenever a move comes up, or pass it along to someone who has one on the horizon.

If you have any questions, give me a call. Personalized advice can make all the difference.

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5 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR MOVING COMPANY



Relocating to a new home is a major undertaking. Bringing in professional movers can help ease that stress and give you peace of mind that your possessions will be handled with care from start to finish.

Before you hire, here are five key questions to ask:

- 1 Are you licensed, bonded and insured?**
The company should hold proper licensing to transport your belongings, along with insurance and bonding to protect you against liability and theft.
- 2 Do you handle everything in-house?**
Some movers manage only part of the job and subcontract the rest. Make sure you know exactly who will be handling your move at every stage.
- 3 How long have you been in business?**
Ask about their track record and how they train their staff, and request references. Online reviews are worth checking as well.
- 4 Are there items you won't move?**
Pianos, firearms and high-value belongings are commonly excluded. Clarify upfront what you'll need to arrange on your own.
- 5 What equipment do you carry?**
Dollies, moving straps and protective blankets for mirrors and large fragile items should all be standard.



SMART WAYS TO CUT COSTS WHILE MOVING



Moving isn't exactly cheap. The good news is that with a little planning, there are several ways you can keep the costs of moving under control.

- ✓ **Declutter before you pack.**
There's no point in paying to move things you no longer want or need, so donate or sell anything that's still in good shape.
- ✓ **Get creative with packing materials.**
Source boxes from neighbours, local stores or your workplace, and use towels and linens as padding for fragile items.
- ✓ **Shop around for movers.**
Don't settle for the first quote you receive. Compare prices and read reviews carefully.
- ✓ **Time your move strategically.**
Demand for movers is typically lower in the fall and winter, mid-month and on weekdays, which can lead to meaningful savings.



HOW TO TIME YOUR MOVE AROUND YOUR HOME SALE



When you're buying and selling at the same time, timing your move can matter as much as timing the sale itself.

- ✓ **Consider an occupancy agreement.**
It allows you to stay in your sold home for an agreed period after closing, giving you breathing room to finish packing without rushing.
- ✓ **Negotiate a delayed possession.**
If you need extra time before moving into your new home, your agent can help negotiate a delayed possession date with the seller.
- ✓ **Build a buffer into your timeline.**
Last-minute closing delays are more common than people expect. Plan ahead to avoid double moves, temporary storage or overlapping leases.

If you're planning a move tied to buying or selling, let's talk through your timeline so we can build it into the negotiation from the start.



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"You do not find the happy life.
You make it."

— Camilla Eyring Kimball

"Have nothing in your house that
you do not know to be useful, or
believe to be beautiful."

— William Morris

"A person who never made
a mistake never tried
anything new."

— Albert Einstein

