A CLIENT RESOURCE

MOVING GUIDE

Plan. Protect. Simplify.

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Expert resources, checklists and insider tips to make your move smooth, organized and stress-free.

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Timelines & Checklists

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A Letter From Aubre

Dear Homeowner,

Moving is more than getting your belongings from one home to another. It is a transition - and even an exciting move can feel overwhelming when there are dozens of details competing for your attention at once.

My goal is to make your experience as organized, informed and stress-free as possible. I created this guide to give you a clear plan from the first clean-out through packing, moving day, delivery and the first days of settling in.

You will find practical timelines, checklists, questions to ask movers, packing systems, reminders for protecting valuables, and the small details that are easy to miss when life is busy. I want you to be able to check things off, see what comes next, and feel confident that nothing important has been forgotten.

Please remember that you do not have to do everything at once. A successful move is a series of manageable steps. Start early, make decisions before they become urgent, and ask for help when you need it.

If a question comes up along the way, I am always here as a resource. My job is not simply to help with a property - it is to help make the entire experience surrounding your move feel more manageable.

Wishing you a smooth move, an easy transition into your new home, and a wonderful start to your next chapter.

Warmly, Aubre

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LESS STRESS.

MORE CLARITY.

Plan early.

Protect what matters.

Move with confidence.

YOUR MOVING ROADMAP

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AUBRE'S MOVING TIP

Use this guide as a working document. Check items off, write notes in the margins, and keep it accessible until every box is unpacked and every moving issue is resolved.

YOUR MOVING COMMAND CENTER

One organized source for every date, contact, document and access detail.

Create a MOVE WITH ME folder before packing accelerates. Keep mover paperwork, possession details, building instructions, keys, prescriptions, valuables, receipts and emergency contacts together.

The goal is simple: nobody should have to search a box, email thread or kitchen drawer for information during moving week.

DATES

Moving day, old-home handoff, new-home access, elevator/loading reservation.

PEOPLE

Mover, cleaner, storage, building manager, closing/possession contact.

ACCESS

Keys, fobs, gate codes, elevator rules, dock and parking requirements.

PAYMENT

Mover balance, deposits, building fees, accepted payment method.

CLIENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Moving date confirmed
- [ ] New-home access time
- [ ] Cleaner confirmed
- [ ] Elevator/loading reserved
- [ ] Old-home handoff time
- [ ] Mover contact saved
- [ ] Storage confirmed
- [ ] Emergency helper selected

QUICK FACT

Moving-day decisions feel easier when dates, contacts and paperwork are already centralized.

MUST DO

Keep this folder, identification, medications and irreplaceable items with you - never on the truck.

THE MASTER MOVING COUNTDOWN

A well-paced move is built weeks before the truck arrives.

Eight weeks out: establish the budget, begin the whole-house clean-out, request mover estimates and measure large furniture. Six weeks out: select the mover, schedule removal services and start packing low-use items.

Four weeks out: address utilities and moving logistics, then increase room-by-room packing. Two weeks out: confirm every vendor and access detail. The final week is for essentials, appliance prep and final checks.

8 WEEKS

Budget, purge, mover quotes, measurements.

6 WEEKS

Book mover, removal services, supplies.

4 WEEKS

Utilities, packing, access planning.

2 WEEKS

Confirm scope, cleaning, storage.

FINAL WEEK

OPEN FIRST, suitcases, keys, appliance prep.

MOVE DAY

Supervise, reconcile, sweep, document.

CLIENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Clean-out started
- [ ] Mover booked
- [ ] Packing supplies purchased
- [ ] Final-week confirmations made
- [ ] Mover quotes requested
- [ ] Removal services scheduled
- [ ] Utilities scheduled
- [ ] OPEN FIRST plan started

QUICK FACT

Front-loading decisions is one of the best ways to reduce last-minute moving costs.

MUST DO

Do not pay to move things you already know you do not want.

CLEAN OUT BEFORE YOU PACK

Every item removed now saves packing time, labor, truck space and unpacking later.

Start where volume hides: basement, attic, garage, pantry, closets, cabinets and storage rooms. Finish one contained area before opening another so the house does not become a collection of half-sorted piles.

Use five decisions: KEEP, SELL, DONATE, RECYCLE/SHRED, or JUNK. Give sale items a deadline. If they do not sell, make the next decision immediately.

KEEP

It has a clear purpose and a place in the next home.

SELL

The likely value is worth the time required to photograph, list and coordinate pickup.

DONATE

Useful and clean, but not worth paying to move or spending time selling.

REMOVE

Broken, expired, unsafe or no longer useful.

CLIENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Kitchen/pantry
- [ ] Bathrooms/linen
- [ ] Basement
- [ ] Garage
- [ ] Laundry/utility
- [ ] Under beds
- [ ] Bedroom closets
- [ ] Office/files
- [ ] Attic
- [ ] Shed/outdoor
- [ ] Seasonal storage
- [ ] Storage unit

QUICK FACT

A simple test: if you saw the item after paying to move it, would you still be happy you kept it?

MUST DO

Do the basement, attic, garage and storage unit early - these create the biggest last-minute surprises.

SELL, DONATE, SHRED, RECYCLE OR REMOVE

Removal is a project of its own - give it appointments and deadlines.

Confirm what donation organizations accept and whether pickup is available. For sale or consignment items, photograph condition and measurements and decide what happens if the item does not sell by your deadline.

Ask junk-removal companies how pricing works and whether stairs, heavy items, appliances or dismantling cost extra. Electronics should be signed out of accounts and wiped before recycling. Sensitive records deserve secure shredding.

DONATION

Accepted items, condition standards, pickup lead time.

SALE

Price, pickup window, sell-by deadline, backup plan.

JUNK

Volume pricing, stairs, heavy items, appliances, dismantling.

SPECIAL DISPOSAL

Paint, fuel, propane, pesticides, chemicals, medications, e-waste.

CLIENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Donation pickup booked
- [ ] Junk removal booked
- [ ] E-waste planned
- [ ] Unwanted furniture removed
- [ ] Sale deadline set
- [ ] Shredding planned
- [ ] Hazardous disposal checked
- [ ] Storage unit cleared

QUICK FACT

Hazardous and restricted materials should be identified before the mover arrives, not at the loading door.

MUST DO

Nothing unwanted should still be waiting for a decision during the final packing weekend.

Phase One

PLANNING & PREP

4–8 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR MOVE

A successful move starts with a solid plan. Use this checklist to get organized, create a timeline, and reduce last-minute stress. Small steps now lead to a smoother move later.



QUICK FACT

Ask what can change the final bill.

A written estimate with an agreed-upon scope is complete.

CLIENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Compare at least 3 moving companies
- [ ] Ask about valuation coverage
- [ ] Create a moving budget
- [ ] Review move date and reserve early
- [ ] Notify landlord or HOA if required
- [ ] Start decluttering and donating
- [ ] Measure large furniture and doorways
- [ ] Create a move binder (or digital folder)
- [ ] Gather moving supplies
- [ ] Label boxes by room and contents
- [ ] Notify important contacts *(see next page)*
- [ ] Confirm travel plans *(if applicable)*
- [ ] Research storage needs *(if applicable)*
- [ ] Plan for kids and pets
- [ ] Schedule time off work



PRO TIP

Keep all receipts, estimates, and agreements in your move binder. It's your best protection if issues arise.

HOW TO CHOOSE A MOVER

Compare scope, professionalism and accountability - not simply price.

Give each company the same inventory and access information. Disclose stairs, elevators, long walking distances, narrow streets, safes, pianos, heavy pieces, extra stops and storage so estimates are comparable.

Ask who physically performs the move, what can change the estimate, what extra charges apply, how deposits and cancellations work, what protection is included and how claims are handled.

ESTIMATE

Written, understandable and based on a meaningful inventory review.

SCOPE

Packing, disassembly, reassembly, specialty items, storage and extra stops.

ACCESS

Stairs, elevators, long carries, shuttles and parking addressed.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Actual carrier known, protection explained, claims process provided.

CLIENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Mover 1 reviewed
- [ ] Mover 2 reviewed
- [ ] Mover 3 reviewed
- [ ] Actual carrier identified
- [ ] Extra charges discussed
- [ ] Protection explained
- [ ] Deposit terms reviewed
- [ ] Claims process reviewed

QUICK FACT

A dramatically lower estimate is a reason to ask more questions, not automatically a bargain.

MUST DO

For interstate moves, verify the mover or broker and confirm the registration information matches the business you are hiring.

MOVER RED FLAGS + PAPERWORK

Know who has your belongings and exactly what you are signing.

A mover transports household goods. A broker arranges transportation with another mover. If a broker is involved, identify the actual carrier before loading day.

Be cautious if a company will not meaningfully review your inventory, demands an unusually large cash-only deposit, uses inconsistent names, refuses to explain protection, changes pricing without explanation or pressures you to sign incomplete paperwork.

STOP

Blank documents, unexplained changes, pressure tactics, mismatched identity.

VERIFY

Business name, carrier, registration where applicable, contact information.

READ

Inventory, services, price structure, protection and delivery terms.

KEEP

Estimate, inventory, order for service, bill of lading and receipts.

CLIENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Inventory reviewed
- [ ] Actual carrier known
- [ ] Charges disclosed
- [ ] Paperwork copied
- [ ] Company identity verified
- [ ] Estimate complete
- [ ] Protection selected
- [ ] Claims instructions saved

QUICK FACT

Keep every signed moving document in your MOVE WITH ME folder, not inside a packed box.

MUST DO

Never sign blank or incomplete moving documents. Resolve discrepancies before loading begins.

PROTECT YOUR BELONGINGS

Photograph condition before wrapping and understand the protection you selected.

Photograph significant furniture from several angles and capture existing wear. Photograph artwork, electronics, antiques and high-value pieces. Record serial and model numbers where useful.

Mover valuation or liability is not the same as ordinary homeowners insurance. Ask what is included, what upgraded options exist, whether limitations apply and how owner-packed boxes are treated.

PHOTO

Wide view plus close-ups of existing condition.

IDENTIFY

Serial/model number and a short description for important items.

DECLARE

Follow mover requirements for high-value or extraordinary-value items.

CARRY

Jewelry, cash, passports, medications, keys and backup drives stay with you.

CLIENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Furniture photographed
- [ ] Electronics/serials captured
- [ ] High-value list made
- [ ] Declarations complete
- [ ] Artwork photographed
- [ ] Existing damage noted
- [ ] Protection chosen
- [ ] Valuables separated

QUICK FACT

Photographs work best when they show both the entire item and close-up condition details.

MUST DO

Understand the protection before the move. After damage occurs is too late to learn what you selected.

MEASURE THE PATH - NOT JUST THE ROOM

A sofa can fit in the room and still fail at the stair turn.

Measure furniture and every narrow point along the route: exterior doors, hallways, stair widths, landings, elevator doors and cabs, ceiling pinch points and appliance openings.

Check the outdoor route too: truck-to-door distance, steps, steep grades, low branches, narrow sidewalks and parking restrictions. Confirm who handles disassembly and reassembly.

ITEM

Width x height x depth, including removable legs or cushions.

DOOR

Measure the clear opening, not simply the door slab.

STAIRS

Width, landing depth, railing, ceiling clearance and turns.

ELEVATOR

Door opening, cab size, reservation and padding rules.

CLIENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Largest sofa measured
- [ ] Dining table measured
- [ ] Exterior door measured
- [ ] Elevator checked
- [ ] Loading route checked
- [ ] Beds/headboards measured
- [ ] Large cabinets measured
- [ ] Stair turn measured
- [ ] Appliance openings checked
- [ ] Parking plan confirmed

QUICK FACT

A simple floor plan lets the crew place large furniture correctly the first time.

MUST DO

Reserve elevators, loading docks and permitted parking early. Waiting for access may create extra charges.

PACKING SUPPLIES + YOUR PACKING STATION

Make packing repeatable, organized and safe to lift.

Create one packing station with tape, markers, labels, box-number inventory, scissors, zip bags and protective material. When supplies live in one place, packing becomes a system instead of a scavenger hunt.

Use small boxes for books and dense items; medium boxes for most household goods; large boxes for lightweight bulky items. Fill empty space so contents do not shift.

STANDARD

Small, medium and large cartons; tape; paper; markers.

SPECIALTY

Wardrobe, dish, TV, mirror/art and mattress cartons/covers.

PROTECTION

Bubble/foam, stretch wrap, furniture blankets, corner guards.

CONTROL

Room labels, box numbers, hardware bags, scissors, inventory sheet.

CLIENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Small boxes
- [ ] Large boxes
- [ ] Dish dividers
- [ ] Bubble/foam
- [ ] Markers
- [ ] Hardware bags
- [ ] Mattress covers
- [ ] TV/art boxes
- [ ] Medium boxes
- [ ] Wardrobe boxes
- [ ] Packing paper
- [ ] Heavy tape
- [ ] Room labels
- [ ] Stretch wrap
- [ ] Furniture blankets
- [ ] Box cutter

QUICK FACT

Hardware bags are only useful if they name the exact furniture item and destination room.

MUST DO

If a packed box is difficult for you to shift on the floor, it may be too heavy to move safely.

THE BOX LABELING + INVENTORY SYSTEM

Every carton should tell you where it goes, what it holds and when you need it.

Use destination room + box number + priority + short contents description. Add FRAGILE or THIS SIDE UP when appropriate.

OPEN FIRST is needed within 24 hours. WEEK ONE supports daily routine. LATER is decor, books, seasonal items and nonessentials. Numbering boxes lets you identify a missing carton quickly.

OPEN FIRST

Toiletries, chargers, coffee, medication, tools, bedding.

WEEK ONE

Cookware, work clothes, daily linens, routine items.

LATER

Decor, books, collections and seasonal belongings.

EXAMPLE

KITCHEN | #14 | WEEK ONE | Baking pans + bowls | NOT FRAGILE

CLIENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Top label added
- [ ] Room named
- [ ] Priority assigned
- [ ] Fragile marked if needed
- [ ] Side label added
- [ ] Box numbered
- [ ] Contents summarized
- [ ] Inventory updated

QUICK FACT

Use large, consistent room names so movers can place boxes without repeatedly stopping to ask.

MUST DO

Label the top AND one side. Top-only labels disappear as soon as boxes are stacked.

ROOM-BY-ROOM PACKING

Pack according to how the new home will function.

Kitchen: use pantry and freezer food down, pack specialty appliances early and preserve one simple meal kit. Bedrooms: pack off-season clothing first, use suitcases for the final week and keep first-night bedding separate.

Bathrooms: discard expired products and bag liquids. Office: back up computers and secure sensitive files. Living areas: photograph electronics and cable connections. Garage and basement: clean equipment and separate chemicals or fuel.

KITCHEN

Heavy dishes in smaller cartons; essentials packed last.

BEDROOM

Wardrobe plan, linens, valuables, first-night bedding.

OFFICE

Backups complete; sensitive files secure; cables photographed.

GARAGE

Fuel/chemicals separated; tools cleaned; hardware contained.

CLIENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Kitchen complete
- [ ] Bathrooms complete
- [ ] Living areas complete
- [ ] Basement complete
- [ ] Art/mirrors protected
- [ ] Bedrooms complete
- [ ] Office complete
- [ ] Garage complete
- [ ] Laundry complete
- [ ] Outdoor items planned

QUICK FACT

Pack in reverse order of use: least-used items first, daily essentials last.

MUST DO

Do not create a miscellaneous destination. Every box needs a real room or a disposal decision.

FOOD, APPLIANCES + ITEMS THAT MAY NOT MOVE

Reduce food early and learn the mover's restricted-item rules.

Two to four weeks before moving day, stop stocking the freezer and pantry as if you are staying. Build meals around what you own and donate unopened food where accepted.

Confirm how refrigerators and freezers must be prepared and who disconnects or reconnects ice makers, washers, dryers or gas appliances. Ask the mover for their prohibited-item list.

EAT DOWN

Plan meals around freezer, refrigerator and pantry inventory.

DONATE

Move unopened shelf-stable food through an accepted donation route.

PREP

Defrost/dry appliances if required and secure shelves/parts.

SEPARATE

Fuel, propane, chemicals and other restricted materials.

CLIENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Freezer reduced
- [ ] Donation planned
- [ ] Appliance disconnect arranged
- [ ] Restricted list checked
- [ ] Pantry reduced
- [ ] Coolers ready
- [ ] Fuel drained if needed
- [ ] Hazardous disposal complete

QUICK FACT

A refrigerator or freezer that is not fully dry can develop odor or mildew during transport or storage.

MUST DO

Ask the mover what they will NOT transport before final packing - not when the crew is at the door.

THE FINAL WEEK + DAY BEFORE

Remove uncertainty now so moving day can run on decisions already made.

Confirm the mover's arrival window, contact person, payment method and final scope. Confirm elevators, loading areas, parking, cleaners, storage and key or possession arrangements.

Finish packing except true daily essentials. Back up computers, charge power banks, photograph electronic connections, pack suitcases and prepare OPEN FIRST boxes.

CONFIRM

Mover, access, payment, cleaner, storage and possession.

FINISH

Packing, donations/junk, laundry and appliance prep.

CHARGE

Phones, power banks, tablets, laptops and trackers.

SEPARATE

Suitcases, OPEN FIRST, documents, valuables and keys.

CLIENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Mover confirmed
- [ ] Access/elevator confirmed
- [ ] Possession/key plan
- [ ] Computer backup
- [ ] OPEN FIRST ready
- [ ] Removal complete
- [ ] Payment confirmed
- [ ] Cleaner confirmed
- [ ] Packing finished
- [ ] Suitcases packed
- [ ] Appliances prepared
- [ ] Weather checked

QUICK FACT

A closed room plus a large NO-LOAD sign is safer than a loose pile beside the front door.

MUST DO

Create a clearly marked NO-LOAD zone for documents, valuables, medications, chargers, keys and pet supplies.

CLEAN + HAND OFF THE OLD HOME

The move is not complete until the old property is empty, clean and documented.

Use a fixed final-walk pattern. Start at the top floor, complete each room clockwise, then main level, basement, garage, shed and exterior storage.

Open every cabinet, drawer, closet and appliance. Check behind doors, under sinks, above refrigerators and on garage shelving. Gather every key, remote, fob, mailbox key and code required for handoff.

EMPTY

Cabinets, closets, attic, basement, garage, shed, exterior storage.

CLEAN

Floors, counters, bathrooms and appliances as required.

HAND OFF

Keys, remotes, fobs, mailbox keys, codes and manuals.

DOCUMENT

Wide photos of empty rooms and areas where condition could be questioned.

CLIENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Cabinets/drawers empty
- [ ] Attic/basement empty
- [ ] Trash removed
- [ ] Counters wiped
- [ ] Refrigerator empty
- [ ] Keys/remotes gathered
- [ ] Closets empty
- [ ] Garage/shed empty
- [ ] Floors cleaned
- [ ] Appliances checked
- [ ] Plumbing checked
- [ ] Final photos

QUICK FACT

A clockwise room-by-room sweep is more reliable than walking through the home randomly.

MUST DO

Photograph the empty, cleaned property immediately before leaving. Keep those photos with your move records.

MOVING DAY: SUPERVISE THE MOVE

Be available from the first item loaded to the final sweep.

Before loading, photograph the property and protect floors, door edges, railings and vulnerable finishes. Walk the crew through special pieces and the NO-LOAD area.

During loading, stay available. Monitor fragile and high-value items, answer questions and check rooms as they empty. Track unexpected charges or scope changes in writing.

BEFORE

Photos, protection, paperwork, special items and NO-LOAD review.

DURING

Stay visible, answer questions, monitor high-value items and empty rooms.

DEPARTURE

Inventory, paperwork copies, destination plan and final sweep.

WITH YOU

Keys, documents, medications, valuables, devices and OPEN FIRST.

CLIENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Property photos
- [ ] Door/railing protection
- [ ] NO-LOAD reviewed
- [ ] Rooms checked
- [ ] Arrival plan confirmed
- [ ] Floor protection
- [ ] Special items reviewed
- [ ] Inventory monitored
- [ ] Paperwork copies
- [ ] Final sweep

QUICK FACT

Take a quick photo of the truck or identifying information with your move paperwork for easy reference.

MUST DO

Do not spend moving day finishing boxes in another room. The loading process itself needs supervision.

DELIVERY DAY: INSPECT BEFORE SIGNING

Unloading is the time to find problems while the crew and paperwork are still present.

Direct each box to its destination room immediately. This reduces double-handling and keeps hallways usable.

Reconcile numbered boxes and inspect furniture as it is unwrapped. Look at walls, floors and doorways for new property damage. If something is missing or damaged, photograph it and request the written claims procedure and deadline.

COUNT

Reconcile cartons and major furniture against your inventory.

INSPECT

Furniture, high-value pieces and new-home surfaces.

DOCUMENT

Photos, inventory numbers, written notes and delivery paperwork.

PRESERVE

Keep damaged packaging, receipts and estimates if required.

CLIENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Box count checked
- [ ] High-value items checked
- [ ] Damage photographed
- [ ] Paperwork noted
- [ ] Claims process received
- [ ] Furniture inspected
- [ ] Walls/floors checked
- [ ] Missing items documented
- [ ] Signed copies retained
- [ ] Packing retained if needed

QUICK FACT

Do not let all boxes accumulate in one room. Correct placement during unloading saves hours of re-handling.

MUST DO

Document visible damage or missing items before the crew leaves and before final signing whenever possible.

OPEN FIRST + THE FIRST NIGHT

Make the home functional without opening twenty boxes.

OPEN FIRST should cover hygiene, sleep, medications, communication, simple food and basic home function. Move it in your vehicle when practical or make it the last item loaded and first unloaded.

Create a HOUSE FUNCTION box with flashlight, batteries, basic tools, extension cord, box cutter, tape measure, scissors, trash bags, paper towels and cleaning spray.

BATHROOM

Toilet paper, soap, towels, shower needs and medication.

BEDROOM

Sheets, pillows, pajamas, clothing and phone chargers.

KITCHEN

Water, coffee, snacks, simple breakfast and disposable basics.

HOUSE

Tools, flashlight, batteries, trash bags, paper towels and cleaner.

CLIENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Toilet paper
- [ ] Bedding/pillows
- [ ] First aid
- [ ] Flashlight
- [ ] Water/snacks/coffee
- [ ] Child comfort items
- [ ] Change of clothes
- [ ] Soap/towels
- [ ] Medications
- [ ] Chargers/power strip
- [ ] Basic tools
- [ ] Pet supplies
- [ ] Cleaning kit
- [ ] Documents/keys

QUICK FACT

Make the beds early. A functioning bedroom and bathroom change how the entire first night feels.

MUST DO

Keep keys, garage remotes, access codes and utility confirmations together - not scattered through boxes.

THE FIRST 24 HOURS + FIRST WEEK

Finish the move in stages: safety first, function second, decorating later.

FIRST 24 HOURS: confirm utilities and HVAC; locate the main water shutoff, electrical panel and gas shutoff; test smoke and CO alarms; review exterior access; check plumbing for leaks and garage-door safety.

FIRST WEEK: unpack kitchen, bathrooms, daily clothing and work essentials. Remove packing debris, confirm trash and recycling, and handle mover claims while documentation is fresh.

24 HOURS

Safety systems, shutoffs, utilities, beds, bathrooms and pet area.

FIRST WEEK

Daily-function rooms, trash schedule, claims and box removal.

UNPACK SMART

Finish one functional zone before opening boxes everywhere.

CLOSE OUT

Retain moving paperwork and receipts until all issues are resolved.

CLIENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Water shutoff located
- [ ] Gas shutoff located
- [ ] Exterior access reviewed
- [ ] Garage safety checked
- [ ] Mover issues resolved
- [ ] Electrical panel located
- [ ] Smoke/CO tested
- [ ] Leaks checked
- [ ] Trash schedule known
- [ ] Packing debris removed

QUICK FACT

Flatten cartons as you empty them, but retain any packaging connected to a possible damage claim.

MUST DO

Safety and function come first. Decorating can wait until the home is working properly.

YOUR MOVING RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Keep trusted moving support in one place and update it as providers change.

This page is intentionally practical: movers, junk removal, donation pickup, storage, cleaners, shredding and specialty support. Confirm current service area, availability, pricing and scope directly with each provider before booking.

Use the notes area to record who you spoke with, the estimate date, special instructions and whether the provider is a fit for this specific move.

MOVERS

Local / long-distance / packing / specialty / storage

JUNK REMOVAL

Volume pricing / heavy items / appliance removal

DONATION

Accepted items / pickup availability / lead time

CLEANING

Move-out / move-in / deep clean / appliance interiors

STORAGE

Climate controlled / access hours / delivery options

SHREDDING

On-site / drop-off / secure document handling

CLIENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Mover contacts added
- [ ] Donation contact added
- [ ] Storage added
- [ ] Specialty provider added
- [ ] Junk removal added
- [ ] Cleaner added
- [ ] Shredding added
- [ ] Last review date noted

QUICK FACT

Tip: add a date beside every provider you verify so you know when the information was last checked.

MUST DO

Keep this directory current. A resource is only valuable when the contact information and service details are accurate.

Thank You!

It's been an honor to be part of your moving journey. I'm here for you before, during, and after your move.

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