

## Tips on Moving

Xtreme Moving & Storage is committed to delivering quality service to our customers. Whether moving across town or to another city, we want to make your move as smooth as possible. We know that while exciting, moving can also be a hectic process. The best way to ensure a successful and cost effective move is to plan ahead. We have put together tips and suggestions to assist you with your move.

### **Keeping Track of Information**

Creating a "move file" before you begin will help you keep track of all moving estimates, receipts, appointments, and other paperwork related to your move. Keep this file handy throughout your move.

### **Change of Address**

There are many people and organizations that need to know your change of address.

### **Getting Organized**

You may not need to move everything you own to your new home. A general rule of thumb is if something hasn't been used in over 12 months; seriously consider selling or donating it. It is often profitable to have a garage sale to sell your unneeded or unwanted items. Some goods may be sold through a local consignment shop. For more valuable items, you may want to place an ad in the classified section of your local newspaper.

You may consider donating unwanted items to your favorite charity. Many churches and schools, as well as national organizations such as the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and Goodwill accept donations of goods. When you donate items to charity, request and keep an itemized receipt. Your donation may qualify you for a tax deduction.

 It's OK to leave clothes in drawers; however, do not leave small items and or breakables in drawers. Furniture pieces may be turned in transit.

 Clear out unwanted goods including appliances, clothing, furniture, etc. - hold a garage sale or donate to your favorite charity.

 Get rid of flammables - paint, paint thinners, petrol, gas cylinders, heating oil, etc.

 Empty fuel from mowers, clippers, trimmers, blowers, propane tanks for grills, etc.

 Firearms must be unloaded before a move. All firearms including serial numbers must be registered with your moving representative before the move begins. (We prefer not to move firearms.)

 Separate books - disposable, family reading, valuable.

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- 📦 Check all electrical goods - will they work in the new home?
- 📦 Arrange termination date for electricity, gas, oil, telephone and other main suppliers. Arrange installations/hook ups for your new address.
- 📦 If you are taking electrical goods such as a stereo, see if you still have their original boxes.
- 📦 Have rugs cleaned.
- 📦 If you have children, separate cherished toys to travel with you instead of on moving truck.
- 📦 Round up personal documents to keep with you during the move - include marriage/birth certificates, driving licenses, passports.
- 📦 With regards to family pets- make sure vaccinations and documentation are up to date.
- 📦 Will your new home be ready? If not, arrange temporary storage.
- 📦 Shops, schools, theaters, life styles - it's never too early to find out about your new home.
- 📦 Plan your food shopping and meals so you're left with little to have to move or dispose of in fridge and freezers.
- 📦 Arrange your finances - close or transfer bank accounts, savings accounts, safe deposit box, etc. if necessary.