

# TIPS FOR A *smooth* MOVE



**Congratulations!** You found your dream home! Now it's time for the **MOVE**... an event that can be stressful for the entire family. That's why we've compiled The Mountainview Building Group Tips for a Smooth Move — your guide to a stress-free move!



**1 Save Time and Give Back**  
Why move with things you don't need or use? Donate rarely used clothes and houseware items before you pack them!

**2 Label**  
Label as you pack with two important things: Destination room and contents!

**3 The Night Before**  
The night before the big day, pack an overnight bag like you are going away for the weekend. Include all your essentials and any medications that you will need access to. Don't put it on the truck, keep this one with you!



**4 Book Sleepover**  
Book a sleepover with loved ones for your children and pets. Moving day can be chaotic for the littles and the fur babies.

**5 Borrow from Family and Friends**  
Borrow coolers, coolers and more coolers from family and friends. Pack your fridge and freezer so nothing goes to waste!

**6 Leave Time to Clean**  
Allow yourself time to clean yourself out of your old house.



**7 Say Yes**  
Say yes to help from those who offer.  
*yes!*

**8 Timing**  
Depending on when funds are transferred between lawyers at closing, keys may not be available until late afternoon.

**9 Some Assembly Required**  
Be prepared to assemble your furniture — make sure your tool box has all the nuts and bolts you need!



**10 Proper Prep**  
Your best tool is proper prepping! Keeping essentials on hand and packed in your car, as opposed to your moving truck, will mean you're not having to look through boxes in a time of need. Paper products, hand soap, clean sheets and pillows are essential for your first night in your new home so you can get some well-deserved rest after a long day of work!



**11 Window Coverings**  
If you didn't include them with the builder, pick up temporary window coverings for room darkening and privacy as you settle in!

**12 Skip the Dishes**  
Scope out local takeout options. Try Uber Eats, Skip the Dishes and other fast food delivery services in your new community.

**13 Get to Know the Neighbours**  
Introduce yourself to neighbours before or during moving day.



**14 Chat with the Movers**  
Before you start, let each mover know which room is which so when they see a box labelled 'Timothy's Room', they know which room Timothy's things belong in. Better yet, attach little signs to each door with the room name!

# MOVING CHECKLIST

*A short list of things you don't want to forget!*



- Sell or donate rarely used clothes and houseware items.
- Call utility & service companies to determine a discontinue date or move your services.
- Set up installation/start dates for utilities in your new home (eg. gas, electric, water)
- Set up installation dates for TV, phone, internet services in your new home.
- Schedule your mail to be forwarded to your new address with Canada Post 4-6 weeks before your moving day.
- Contact a moving company, or reserve a truck.
- Purchase or begin to collect boxes (liquor stores, wholesale clubs, etc.) and purchase packing supplies such as packing tape, permanent markers and bubble wrap.
- Label as you pack with two important things: destination room and contents. Create an inventory of your boxes and items in each.
- Book a sleepover with loved ones for your children and pets!
- Leave time to clean your old house.
- Borrow coolers from family and friends so you can pack your freezer and fridge!
- Confirm time when the keys to your new house will be available.
- The night before the move, pack an overnight bag, including any medications that you will need to access.
- Keep essentials on hand and packed in your car, as opposed to your moving truck: paper products, hand soap, clean sheets and pillows.
- Make sure your tool box is on hand and has all the nuts and bolts needed to assemble furniture in your new home.
- Pick up temporary paper window coverings for room darkening and privacy as you settle in.
- Skip the dishes! Scope out local takeout options for the day of the move.
- Introduce yourself to neighbours before or during moving day.
- Identify where marked boxes should go by attaching signs to bedroom doors. It will help quicken the move.
- Don't forget to update your address on your driver's licence, banking (loans, investments, credit cards), medical, insurance, school, subscriptions and associations, and give your new contact info to family and friends.

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