



CHOOSE A MOVING COMPANY

4-5 WEEKS BEFORE MOVE DAY



Get written estimates from at least three local moving companies

- Ask your Realtor, friends and family for a referral



Do your homework! Pick first-rate professional movers that are:

- Insured and licensed with the FMCSA (interstate moves)
- American Moving & Storage Association ProMovers
- Have great online reviews and a stellar Better Business Bureau rating



The company should perform a moving survey with you

- A professional will visit your home to take a detailed inventory and review the move plan
- For smaller moves, phone or video chat are also great ways to survey the inventory
- Both you and the company should be thorough to ensure an accurate estimate



Book your mover

- The sooner the better! For a summer move in or from Washington DC, book four weeks in advance.



PACKING

3-4 WEEKS BEFORE MOVE DAY



- **If your budget allows, avoid the hassle!** Ask your mover for a full-pack estimate



- **Is it worth moving?** Toss or donate as part of your packing process



- **Pack the heaviest objects** in the smallest boxes



- **Boxes should be completely full.** Fill empty spaces with packing paper



- **Moving companies** won't let flammable items, cleaning products, or perishable items on the truck.



- **Keep laptops, important documents, expensive jewelry & medication with you** for peace of mind



COMMUNICATION

1-3 WEEKS BEFORE MOVE DAY



Let your mover know important changes such as:

- You weren't able to pack as much as planned
- Moving items not on your original inventory
- Adding extra stops

- Moving reservation times with your building

- If you need parking permits



MOVING DAY

THE BIG DAY



- **Make arrangements** for your children and pets on moving day



- **Make a "first night" box** with clothes, toiletries, toilet paper, paper towels, sheets, disposable dinnerware to take with you



- **Plan in advance** where to place furniture in your new home and label bedroom doors



- **Communicate with your crew** and do a walk-through after loading to ensure nothing was left behind



- **If it's deserved, give your hardworking moving crew a tip** for a job well done!

