

Relocation Tips for Success

Relocation can be stressful, especially if it's due to a job transfer. Many companies allow less than a month to move, resulting in employees finding themselves overwhelmed, frustrated and just plain annoyed.

There's just so much to do. You have to sell your home, find a new place to live, pack up your belongings and tend to dozens of other tasks along the way. It's a lot to handle.

Fortunately, relocation doesn't have to be all bad. As long as you stay organized, keep your cool and follow these relocation tips for success, you'll be on the other side of it in no time.

- **Ask your employer for help** — Many companies offer relocation assistance. They'll pay for your movers, cover your transportation and even help you find a new place to live. Check in with your company's HR department to see if any of these services are offered at your place of business.
- **Call in reinforcements** — If you're really under the gun when it comes to time, then don't be afraid to call in the troops. Ask your parents, your best friend or your cousins to stop by and help you pack up your home. Offer to buy them a pizza or grab them a gift card if they need a little convincing.
- **Create a timeline** — Sit down and write out a schedule for each and every task you need to tackle. Include as many details as you can, and try to spread them out evenly—you don't want to get too bogged down and become unable to complete everything.
- **Pack "open first" boxes** — There's nothing worse than arriving at your new place only to realize your toothbrush, work clothes or other important items are buried somewhere in an unknown box or bag. Help make your transition easier by creating "open first" boxes. These should contain all the items you'll need for your first days, weeks or even months at your new place in case you don't have time to unpack right away. Remember to mark the outside of the boxes with what is contained inside.

Is a home relocation on your horizon in the near future? Don't fret. With a level head and these simple tips, a smooth transition is well within reach.

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