



Rent.com Provides Stress-Free Moving Tips As Moving Season Begins

Santa Monica, Calif., April 28, 2010 – The month of May officially kicks off the moving season, the time of year from May through September, when half of all moves typically happen. To mark National Moving Month in May and the start of the moving season Rent.com provides plenty of moving resources to help you stay organized before, during and after your move.

Moving Mayhem

Rent.com has found that some of the most common reasons for choosing to move include:

- **Work, Work, Work:** Your dream job could be yours for the taking but located many miles away. Whether you're accepting a new job, moving to look for one, or simply moving to curb your commute, work-related reasons are often cited by those who are moving.
- **Family Ties:** You may be moving home to be closer to family and friends, moving away to establish your independence, or are going through a change in marital status. Regardless of the situation, family-related issues compel a significant number of people to move.
- **Doubling-Up:** With unemployment hovering at 9.7%, many have chosen to double-up in past years in order to save on monthly expenses. Finding someone to split the rent with is one of the easiest ways to save money – whether that means bunking with new roommates, moving in with friends, or moving back home to live with family.
- **New & Improved:** While a tough economic climate has put the notion of “new and improved” on hold for many of us, traditionally a large majority move to improve upon their circumstances. Whether that means an upgraded apartment, a neighborhood with less crime and better schools, or making the ultimate move to purchase a property, improved housing has historically been one of the key reasons for why people move.
- **Adopting a Pet:** New pet owners who currently live in pet-free zones might decide that it's time to search for a home that welcomes their new furry friend. Although property owners have become increasingly flexible in allowing pets into their rental units, some renters choose to seek a pet-friendly home located nearby a park or other outdoor area.

Don't Stress! Plan Ahead

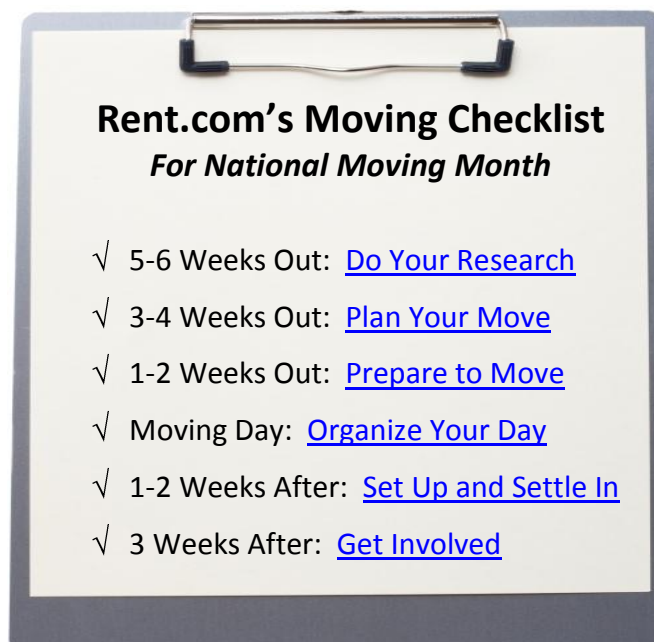
Moving does not have to be a stressful experience. Perhaps one of the most important things to keep in mind when moving is to put together a plan *before* the move begins. Since knowing where to start can sometimes be overwhelming, Rent.com recommends developing a moving checklist with a timeline to help stay on track throughout the moving process. Once there's a checklist and a timeline in place, everything will seem more manageable.

To help renters during the most popular moving season, Rent.com shares a few invaluable tricks of the trade to keep in mind in order to avoid stress throughout the moving process:

- **Hire or Recruit Help.** Extra help can be invaluable and there are lots of different options to fit all kinds of budgets. Self-service moves involve you packing and loading your belongings into boxes or a secure container and the moving service then transporting everything to your new address. With a full-service move, the moving company loads the moving truck, drives your belongings to your new address and unloads the truck in your new place. Some companies will even pack your belongings for you! Depending on your budget, renting a moving truck or hiring labor can be affordable alternatives. If you cannot afford any for-pay options, consider recruiting your friends and spring for pizza when the move is over!
- **Keep an Eye on Valuables.** Forgetting where you packed something is a common hassle when moving. Make sure that items that are hard to replace like medications, insurance policies, car titles and the moving services contract are packed in a box that you move yourself or ship ahead of time with a service that requires a delivery signature.
- **Move Only What You Really Need.** It is difficult to think about spring cleaning while you are in the midst of a move, but packing will unearth all of those items that you haven't used in months or years. Consider donating unneeded items to your local charity or help fund your moving expenses by selling them on eBay.
- **Pack Your Favorite Items Last.** Creature comforts can be powerful stress relievers. Your current bedside reading, morning coffee mug or favorite DVDs can help you feel sane in the midst of chaos. If you have children, ask them to pick one or two of their favorite things to keep with them during the move as well.
- **Home Is Where the Heart Is.** Although all the packing, moving and cleaning can feel a bit overwhelming while it is happening, try to envision yourself relaxing on your sofa or having a housewarming party to show off your new home to your friends. It's also important to remember how you'll benefit from the *reason* you're moving in the first place!

For additional tips, visit Rent.com's [moving center](#).

Make a List and Check it Twice:



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