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SMART MOVING BOOKLET



A photograph of a brown cardboard box in the foreground. The words "Moving Day" are written on the side of the box in a black, handwritten-style font. The background is a blurred indoor setting with a green plant and a window with blinds.

Moving
Day

Welcome to Your Smart Moving Guide

Moving can be stressful, but with the right approach and planning, it can be a smooth and efficient process. This booklet is designed to provide you with smart tips, checklists, and insights to make your move as easy as possible. Let's get started!

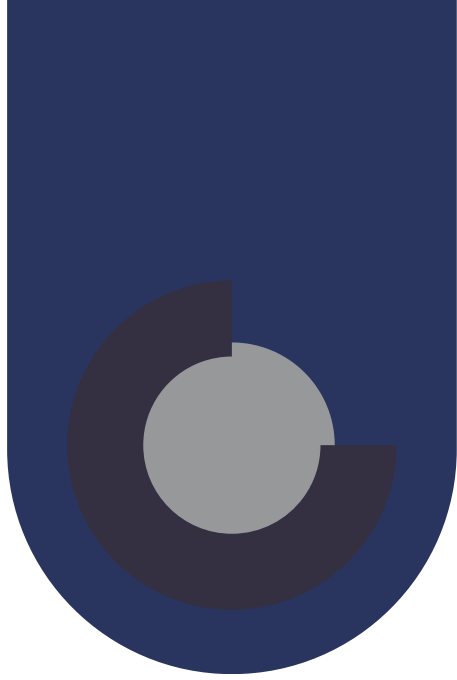


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1. Getting Started with Your Move

1.1 Create a Moving Plan

- **Timeline:** Start planning your move at least 8-12 weeks in advance. Use a calendar to set deadlines for tasks like packing, booking movers, and changing your address.
- **Budget:** Set a budget that includes moving services, packing supplies, and travel expenses. Allocate a small fund for unexpected costs.

1.2 Choose the Right Moving Company

- **Research:** Choose a reputable moving company, like Folkestad Moving Service. Check reviews, get quotes, and confirm their credentials.
- **Get Estimates:** Request in-home or virtual estimates to get an accurate idea of the cost.

1.3 Declutter and Organize

- **Sort Through Belongings:** Decide what to keep, donate, sell, or discard. Less stuff means a cheaper and easier move.
- **Organize Important Documents:** Keep all moving-related documents, contracts, and receipts in a dedicated folder.



2. Packing Like a Pro

2.1 Gather Your Packing Supplies

- Boxes: Use sturdy boxes in various sizes. Small boxes are perfect for heavy items like books, while larger ones are best for lighter items.
- Packing Materials: Stock up on bubble wrap, packing paper, and strong packing tape.
- Labels: Use labels or color-coded stickers to mark each box by room and contents.

2.2 Packing Room by Room

- Kitchen: Wrap fragile items like glassware and dishes individually. Use dish boxes for extra protection.
- Bedrooms: Use wardrobe boxes for hanging clothes, and pack shoes and accessories in smaller boxes.
- Living Room: Disassemble furniture if possible and wrap electronics in bubble wrap. Use original boxes for TVs and other electronics if available.

2.3 Smart Packing Tips

- Heavy Items in Small Boxes: This makes them easier to carry and reduces the risk of box breakage.
- Label Every Box: Clearly mark the contents and room, and indicate if the box is fragile.
- Pack an Essentials Box: Include items you'll need immediately upon arrival, like toiletries, a change of clothes, basic kitchen items, and important documents.





3. Moving Day Essentials

3.1 Prepare for Moving Day

- Confirm Details: Reconfirm the moving date, time, and details with Folkestad Moving Service.
- Pack Last-Minute Items: Include toiletries, medications, and any essentials you'll need during the move.

3.2 Oversee the Move

- Be Present: Supervise the loading of your belongings to ensure they are handled carefully.
- Keep Valuables with You: Transport important documents, jewelry, and small valuables personally.

3.3 Final Checks

- Walkthrough: Do a final walkthrough of your home to ensure nothing is left behind.
- Lock Up: Make sure all windows and doors are locked, and leave any necessary keys for the new owners or landlord.

4. Settling into Your New Home

4.1 Unpacking Strategy

- Start with Essentials: Begin by unpacking the essentials box, then move on to the kitchen and bedrooms.
- Unpack Room by Room: Focus on one room at a time to stay organized.

4.2 Set Up Utilities

- Check Services: Ensure all utilities, internet, and other services are up and running.
- Register Your Address: Update your address with the DMV, voter registration, and other necessary institutions.

4.3 Explore Your New Neighborhood

- Meet the Neighbors: Introduce yourself to your new neighbors and ask for recommendations on local services.
- Find Local Services: Locate the nearest grocery store, pharmacy, hospital, and other essential services.





5. Smart Moving Tips

5.1 Save on Moving Costs

- Move During Off-Peak Times: Consider moving in the middle of the month or on weekdays to save on costs.
- Declutter Before You Pack: Less stuff to move means lower moving costs.
- DIY Where Possible: Pack yourself, but leave heavy lifting to the professionals.

5.2 Protect Your Belongings

- Insurance: Consider purchasing additional moving insurance for valuable items.
- Proper Packing: Use adequate packing materials to avoid damage during transit.

5.3 Stay Organized

- Keep a Moving Checklist: Track tasks and deadlines to stay on top of your move.
- Label Everything: Clearly label boxes to make unpacking easier and ensure nothing gets lost.

6. Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How far in advance should I book my move?

A: It's best to book your move 8-12 weeks in advance, especially during peak moving seasons.

Q: What items cannot be moved?

A: Most moving companies won't transport hazardous materials, plants, pets, or perishable foods. Check with Folkestad Moving Service for a complete list.

Q: How do I pack fragile items?

A: Wrap each item individually in bubble wrap or packing paper and place them in a well-padded box. Use dividers for added protection.

Q: Should I tip the movers?

A: Tipping is appreciated but not mandatory. If you choose to tip, a standard amount is \$20-\$40 per mover, depending on the complexity of the move.



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