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01 / PLAN BEFORE YOU PAY

01 Create one moving budget that includes packing, transport, travel and settling in.

02 List what you actually need to move before requesting estimates.

03 Compare written estimates with the same inventory and service scope.

04 Ask which charges are fixed and which depend on time, distance or quantity.

05 Ask about minimum labor hours before comparing hourly prices.

06 Confirm whether travel time and fuel charges are included.

07 Ask how stairs, elevators and long carrying distances affect the price.

08 Check whether supplies are included or priced separately.

09 Discuss flexible dates before committing to a busy moving day.

10 Ask whether a weekday option changes your estimate.

11 Confirm cancellation and rescheduling terms before reserving.

12 Keep every estimate and agreed change together in one folder.

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02 / MOVE LESS, SPEND MORE WISELY

13 Measure the new rooms before paying to move oversized furniture.

14 Compare the cost of moving a low-value item with replacing it later.

15 Sort belongings into keep, sell, donate and recycle groups.

16 Sell usable items early enough to avoid last-minute price cuts.

17 Group donations into one planned drop-off when practical.

18 Ask local organizations what donations they accept before loading the car.

19 Use pantry food gradually before moving day.

20 Return borrowed items before they get packed.

21 Finish sorting garages and closets before the estimate is finalized.

22 Digitize paperwork you do not need to retain in original form.

23 Check whether unopened purchases can be returned within store policies.

24 Avoid paying to transport items you already intend to discard.

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03 / PACK WITH PURPOSE

25 Pack nonessential items early to reduce last-minute packing help.

26 Use clean, strong reused boxes only when they can protect the contents.

27 Compare bundle prices before buying boxes individually.

28 Choose smaller boxes for books and other heavy belongings.

29 Use suitable towels or linens as padding for nonfragile items.

30 Reserve proper cushioning for fragile and valuable items.

31 Label each box with its destination room before stacking it.

32 Label fragile boxes on more than one side.

33 Keep a simple box count so missing cartons are easier to identify.

34 Pack one essentials bag to avoid buying items you cannot find.

35 Keep chargers, keys and everyday toiletries with you.

36 Ask the mover which items should remain unpacked for inspection.

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04 / REDUCE MOVING-DAY DELAYS

37 Reserve a building elevator in advance when required.

38 Confirm permitted loading hours with both properties.

39 Ask about parking arrangements before the truck arrives.

40 Keep hallways and exits clear of loose belongings.

41 Finish packing before the agreed crew arrival window.

42 Label furniture destinations to reduce repeated carrying.

43 Draw a simple room layout for large furniture.

44 Confirm who will disassemble and reassemble each item.

45 Keep labeled hardware bags with their matching furniture.

46 Arrange care for pets so loading paths stay clear.

47 Have an authorized decision-maker available during the move.

48 Tell the team about access changes as soon as you discover them.

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05 / CONTROL TRAVEL AND EXTRA STOPS

49 Provide complete pickup and delivery addresses before route planning.

50 Include storage stops in the original estimate request.

51 Combine errands instead of adding unplanned stops on moving day.

52 Confirm access hours for storage facilities.

53 Measure storage needs before renting a unit that is too large.

54 Compare the full cost of storing low-value items with replacing them.

55 Plan your personal travel separately from shipment delivery timing.

56 Check accommodation cancellation terms when delivery dates are flexible.

57 Keep medications and important documents in your own possession.

58 Ask how delivery windows affect your travel arrangements.

59 Check utility start and stop dates to avoid unnecessary overlap.

60 Update delivery addresses before ordering items for the new home.

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06 / PROTECT YOUR BUDGET AFTER THE MOVE

61 Check delivered items against your inventory before unpacking everything.

62 Photograph any damage and keep the related packing materials.

63 Keep receipts for moving services and supplies.

64 Review the final invoice against the agreed written scope.

65 Ask promptly about charges you do not understand.

66 Keep written records of any agreed price adjustments.

67 Unpack essentials first so you can avoid duplicate purchases.

68 Flatten reusable boxes and offer them to someone who needs them.

69 Check whether your workplace offers a relocation reimbursement program.

70 Follow reimbursement instructions and deadlines if a program applies.

71 Wait to buy extra furniture until you understand the new space.

72 Review what worked and save your checklist for your next move.

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