

Mid-South Moving Guide

From Local Agency Realty Group

This moving guide was created to help you stay organized and reduce the stress of relocating.

Whether you're hiring a moving company or going DIY, moving across town or out of state — we've got your back.

Packing Timeline

Two Months Before Your Move:

- Get quotes from moving companies.
- Reserve a truck if moving yourself (U-Haul, Allied Van, etc.).
- Sketch a floor plan for your new home.
- Inventory your belongings.
 - Pack what you're keeping
 - Toss what you don't need
 - Donate what you don't want
- Gather paperwork in one place.
- Identify school transfer process and records needed.
- Finalize moving company
- Prep new home if possible (paint, locks, etc.).

One Month Before Your Move:

- Make travel arrangements.
- Research clubs, churches, and civic groups in your new area.
- Contact doctors/dentists for records and prescriptions.
- Open a new checking account.
- Research local laws if self-employed.
- Finish/discard perishable household items.
- Arrange for pet transport.

Two Weeks Before Your Move:

- Submit change of address forms (USPS, IRS).
- Forward mail, subscriptions, and email (if needed).
- Confirm travel plans.
- Organize packing/moving help.
- Prep appliances for moving.
- Pack all clean clothes.
- Close old bank accounts and transfer funds.
- Keep documents and valuables handy.
- Prepare for children and infant logistics.
- Review insurance coverage.
- Share travel plans with relatives.
- Defrost freezer and fridge.

Moving Day:

- Final walkthrough to ensure nothing's left.
- Keep personal/important items with you.
- Use travelers checks or secure payment options.

Pro Packing Tips

- Label each box with room + contents.
- Use colored labels/tape for fast sorting.
- Pack a "first night" box for essentials.
- Wrap breakables well using towels or bubble wrap.
- Keep valuables, documents, and medications with you.

What NOT to Pack

- Hazardous materials (paint, propane, etc.)
- Perishable foods- Plants (for long moves or across state lines)
- Cash, jewelry, and irreplaceable items

Moving Day Survival Kit

- Water, snacks, and trash bags
- Basic tools and cleaning supplies
- Toilet paper and paper towels
- Chargers and medications
- Pet supplies and comfort items

Recommended Movers & Suppliers

Top Local Picks:

Black Tie Moving (www.blacktiemoving.com)

Scott Caulk - 901-218-5358

Big League Movers (www.bigleaguemovers.com)

901-486-6897

Supplies:

- Boxes (U-Haul, Home Depot, ULine)
- Packing Tape
- Bubble wrap
- Labeled
- Markers

Rentals:

- Rent a Crate
- U-Haul
- PODs

Change of Address Checklist

- Driver's License
- Tag office
- USPS
- IRS
- Banks & Credit Cards
- Insurance Providers
- Employer/Payroll
- Subscriptions: Amazon, magazines
- Doctors & Dentists
- Schools
- Pet Microchip Registry
- Veterinarian
- Voter Registration
- Send out an address change announcement to friends and family to update holiday mailing lists!

Moving with Children

Children tend to have a lot of stuff!

Help them sort their belongings into 4 groups:

- take
- toss
- donate
- Sell

Moving can be confusing to children help them get excited about the move by giving them an important job, of packing, sorting and organizing all of their belongings.

- Let them design their own labels/stickers.
- Create a checklist so they feel accomplished.
- Pack an overnight bag with their favorite pajamas, toy, and blanket for the first night.
- Bring travel games, books, and preloaded tablets for the trip.

Settling In:

- Practice your new address together.
- Let kids help set up and decorate their new room.
- Take walks and explore your new neighborhood.
- Encourage them to email or call old friends.
- Help them make a list of things they like about the new home, school, and community.

Need more support for your move?

We're always here to help — Local Agency Realty Group

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