

## **Making a Smooth Move into that First Home** Mayflower

### **Transit Offers Moving Tips for First-Time Home Buyers**

First-time homebuyers may be among the only group of people who look forward to a move with unadulterated excitement. After all, moving into that first home is a momentous occasion and one that warrants celebration. But moving is one of those things that gets easier with experience. Here are some tips to help first-time homebuyers avoid some common mistakes and move into their new home like a seasoned pro.

#### **Less is More**

This statement couldn't be truer when it comes to moving. So, try to put off major furniture and appliance purchases until after you've moved into your new home, thus reducing the amount of heavy items you need to move. If you are moving to another state and plan to use a professional mover, keep in mind that the cost of your move is based upon the weight of your shipment. If you must shop ahead of time, see if the retailer will hold the items and deliver them to your new home after you've moved into it.

#### **Rid Yourself of Possessions You Don't Want or Need**

Many first-time homebuyers own a hodge-podge of furniture and home décor items that they've used in their apartments or college living quarters. Visualize where your current possessions will go, then decide what to do with those pieces that will end up being stored away in a closet or basement of your new home, only to be tossed out later. Consider donating what you don't really want or need, or partner with a friend who has a carport or garage and hold a rummage sale.

#### **Be Prepared**

Advance planning and organization will make your move go smoother. Keep all documents related to your move in one easily accessible location. Use a folder, notebook or even a daily planner to keep track of important phone numbers and documents. Referrals for new physicians, maps of your new town and contact information for old friends are just a few more things that you may want to stash in your organizer.

#### **Consider Hiring a Professional**

Even though it may seem less expensive to move with the help of friends and family, don't forget to factor in some of the costs of "doing it yourself." There are still moving expenses involved, such as moving supplies and boxes, packing tape and materials, and rental fees on a truck, dolly or other equipment. Plus, you probably need to provide at least one meal on moving day to those who showed up to help you. So, it might be wise to get a few moving estimates from professionals before you make a final decision.

If you would like additional moving tips about everything from using the Internet to help with your move to

tips for an environmentally friendly move, or for more information about Mayflower Transit and its services, visit Mayflower's Web site at [www.mayflower.com](http://www.mayflower.com).

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