

The Right Moves

You found the perfect house, signed on the dotted line and are daydreaming about life in your new home. As moving day looms, it's also time to think about packing up your many belongings. Have you found enough boxes?



How to handle those precious family heirlooms and other breakables? Here are a few tips for making your big day go as smoothly as possible:

Before You Start

- Prioritize your packing list. Consider what you don't need to take with you, what will need extra packing care and how to best organize your things.

- Estimate how many boxes you'll need and get them well in advance of moving day. Save newspapers to line boxes.
- Consider investing in moving insurance, which will cover any damages or breakages during the move.

Getting Under Way

- Start early. Packing always takes longer than you think.
- Begin at the top of the house first and work your way down. Attics are a great place to start sorting.
- Move from room to room, packing and labeling carefully as you go. Clearly mark boxes that contain breakable objects. Be sure to keep all boxes that belong to a certain room together. It will

- make it much easier when you unpack.
- Newspaper can sometimes leave marks, so wrap your valuables in bubble wrap, blankets or pillows to avoid messy newsprint.
- Keep all of your important documents, such as birth and marriage certificates, in the same place for easy reference.

Thinking Ahead

- You likely won't want to shuffle through boxes on your first night in your new home, or you might be traveling long distance and have your household items show up after you've arrived. Either way, pack an essentials box containing a change of clothes and toiletries, as well as coffee, tea, snacks, cups, plates and utensils. A small tool kit, first-aid supplies and pen and paper are also important to have on hand.

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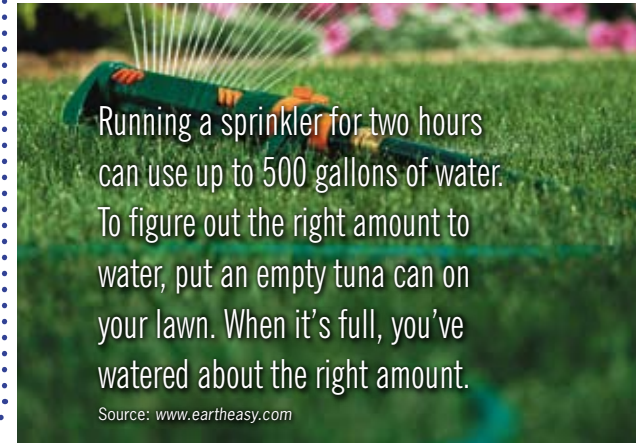
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