

Moving Day!

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- Remove trash from the house before the movers arrive.
- Place an empty garbage bag in the middle of each room for the packers to use.
- Have beverages available for the packers. You don't have to feed them, but some people do provide doughnuts or snacks.
- Make sure you're there when the packers arrive. Stay there. Walk around the house as they pack and look at the inventory. If you disagree with anything, such as their notations about the condition of an item, speak up. If the packing foreman can't resolve the matter, call your transportation office.

"The inventory has to be right, because that is what will be used for the claim" if something is lost or damaged, said Army Master Sgt. Karl Baker, chief of counseling at the joint personal property shipping office for the Washington, D.C., area.
- Make sure packers use special boxes for glassware and clothes. The government is paying for those services.
- Packers will disassemble furniture. Give them plastic zipper bags for screws, nuts and bolts; label the bags with information, including which room they belong in.

If you pack a box, it must be left open so the movers can review the contents and take responsibility for it.
- Before the packers leave, go through all rooms, sheds, etc., to ensure everything has been packed. Then, go through your property and make sure everything has been loaded on the truck.
- Check the inventory before you sign it. Do not sign for services that were not performed by the moving company.
- Make a copy of your inventory sheet as a backup, and give it to a relative to hold.