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*President of Guerrilla Marketing Coach*  
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What a gift!.... No more worrying that I've forgotten something crucial. Ellen Violette really lays out a way to move simply and sanely. Thanks,

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## INTRODUCTION

At some point in life everybody moves, so you'd think that most people would have a pretty good idea of how to do it. But the truth is that they don't have a clue. It's just one of those things that **we are expected to know how to do without ever being shown how to do it**. And, to make matters worse, it's one of the most stressful events that any of us has to go through in life. It's right up there next to dealing with a death in the family and paying taxes.

Moving is sort of like taking medicine: you have to do it, and you know you'll feel better once you've done it, but that still doesn't make it any easier to swallow. So people conveniently forget what it was like the last time — it's a coping mechanism. But **there is a better way to handle moving that produces vastly improved results**.

Imagine if you could use a plan that would automatically improve your moving experience by using a fail-safe organizing system. Why would you ever want to go through an agonizing move again, with rattled nerves, exhaustion, frustration, and stress? You cannot fail using this system. Everything has been laid out so that you can't forget what you're doing as long as you keep notes and **follow the checklists** presented in the workbook.

And, while moving will still be quite a bit of work, at least you can rest assured knowing **you will be more relaxed and in control** without worrying about loose ends and last-minute disasters. You'll know exactly what needs to be done and when, as well as how to find what you need when you need it. You'll be able to sleep at night knowing that everything is on track, and when the movers show up you'll be ready for them.

You'll be able to **avoid total confusion** and chaos and **arrive at your destination safely and on schedule**, but without the added benefits that a longer-term plan can bring. The choice is yours.

I have listened to friends and colleagues as well as ordinary people who have tried out this system and others, and I have included all of their suggestions to make your move as easy and effortless as possible.

So let's get started!

◆ SECTION 1 ◆

# GETTING READY TO MOVE

## **Get Started By Getting Organized**

First, get out your calendar. As you read this booklet, mark each step on your calendar. Try to stick to the timetable for optimum results. Start a “moving file” for all of your related paperwork, so that you won’t waste time when you need it. And, always expect the unexpected!

*Need supplies to get started? Go to [www.OfficeDepot.com](http://www.OfficeDepot.com).*

## **5 Minutes To Handling Magazine Subscriptions**

If you know your new address 8 to 12 weeks in advance, you can call 1-800-556-1587 and have all of your magazine subscriptions forwarded so that they will start arriving around the time of your move. When you go to the post office for a change of address, this information will be in the packet, but by that time, it will be much too late for your magazine subscriptions to be transferred in time for you to enjoy uninterrupted service. So do it now!

## **Cashing In By Homestaging Your Home**

If you own your own home and you are selling it, you may want to think about homestaging it first. Homestaging is a term for showing your home in its best light by making smart cosmetic changes that can greatly increase the price that someone is willing

to pay for your house. If you are interested in homestaging your house, you'll want to take a close look at the bonus, "13 Secret Tips for Homestaging or Decorating Your Home or Apartment Without Breaking the Bank!" In this tip sheet, I reveal secret techniques that I have used buying, fixing, and selling homes to make thousands of dollars over market value. These secrets can also be used to help you decorate your new home or apartment without spending a fortune.

*One of my favorite places to shop for lamp fixtures is [LampsPlus.com](http://LampsPlus.com).*

## **Finding The Best Moving Company**

About eight weeks before the move, start asking for referrals for reputable moving companies from friends, family, neighbors, and real estate agents.

### ***Asking The Right Questions***

If you're thinking about moving without the assistance of a moving company, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Will you save enough money to make it worth your while to move yourself?
2. Do you have items that, if damaged, might cost more to replace than the cost of the move itself?

3. Will you be able to replace anything that you break?
4. If you hire your own help, are you leaving yourself open to a lawsuit that could cost much more than the move itself?

After answering these questions, you might consider moving yourself, but when you really weigh your answers, you're probably better off hiring a reputable moving company.

Find a Moving Company at: [www.eMove.com](http://www.eMove.com).

### ***How Much Insurance Is Enough?***

If you decide to hire professionals, make sure that they offer insurance (especially if you have breakables such as china, crystal, and heirlooms, or electronics such as wide-screen televisions and/or a computer). These items should be insured for the replacement cost.

### ***Hiring Internet Companies***

Be careful when looking for moving companies online. **If a deal looks too good to be true, it probably is.** Again, I cannot emphasize strongly enough the importance of getting referrals from people you know.

It can be difficult to tell if an online company is legitimate. Many have very professional-looking sites. And, they may



constantly change their names and locations, so it may be difficult to uncover their true identities. You won't find them listed by the Better Business Bureau. There are plenty of horror stories about movers who show up at the door, load the van and either disappear with all your household goods or blackmail you. (They refuse to unload your belongings at the desired destination unless you pay them an enormous sum of money.) And, the police have no jurisdiction to get involved in this type of transaction. (Hopefully, the law will change as this type of fraud is reported more often.) But, in the meantime, **unscrupulous movers are getting away with fraud. DON'T BECOME THEIR NEXT VICTIM.**

### *Understanding Storage Charges*

If you do not arrive at your new home within an hour of the time that the movers are scheduled to meet you there, they may put your goods in storage. So, be sure to find out not only the storage charges, but also the cost of delivering your goods from the storage facility to your new home. Also, find out when storage charges begin to take effect. (If the company charges from the time they leave the warehouse, and you live in a congested area, make sure that the delivery isn't during rush hour traffic.) You don't want to pay for time that the movers sit in traffic. The best advice I can give you is to arrive on time when meeting movers at your destination.

◆ SECTION 2 ◆

# MOVING DAY

## **Watching The Clock**

When the movers arrive, synchronize your watches so there are no misunderstandings. You are being charged by the hour, but every minute counts. Check in with the movers before and after any breaks so you are all in agreement as to how much time to deduct from the final bill.

If you do have odds and ends that still need to be packed, the movers will put them in the bottom of wardrobes or in new boxes as is necessary. Make sure to add these to your inventory list.

*To make sure your watch has the right time go to:*

<http://www.time.gov>

## **Protecting Your Carpets And Floors**

Have the movers lay down plastic routers over your floors before they start moving furniture or boxes. You'll want to keep the carpets and floors clean both in your old home and your new one. And, routers will help, especially if the weather is foul. You don't want the movers tracking dirt, or worse, on to the carpets, eating up your security deposit (if you live in an apartment) or annoying the buyer (if you're selling a condominium or house). It's just common courtesy.

◆ SECTION 6 ◆

# **MOVING MASTER CHECKLIST**

# MOVING MASTER CHECKLIST

## 8 To 12 Weeks Before You Move

- Get out your calendar
- Start a moving file
- Handle magazine subscriptions
- Start thinking about homestaging your house

### (Children)

- Tell your children about the move
- Make a list of areas that appeal to them if you haven't decided on the house yet

## 8 Weeks Before You Move

- Clear clutter out of house
- Get moving boxes
- Start homestaging your house
- Find moving company referrals
- Call moving company referrals
- Find a storage facility if needed
- Research moving costs
- Lock in reservations

- Start packing — create inventory list as you pack

#### **(Children)**

- Get children involved in packing activities
- Take photographs of your old home for your children's scrapbooks
- Make list of people to say goodbye to
- Start compiling items for your children's scrapbooks

#### **Moving out of state?**

- Ask each moving company about documentation needed for moving plants

### **6 to 7 Weeks Before You Move**

- Complete Personal Business Checklist
- Start emptying the freezer

### **4 Weeks Before You Move**

- Contact post office for change of address
- Start emptying freezer

#### **(Children)**

- Take children to the new house and/or take pictures of it
- Ask kids for their opinion on decorating their new rooms
- Talk to the neighbors and find playmates for the kids

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# CALCULATE YOUR EXPENSES

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Moving Company

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Storage

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Meals

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hotel Rooms

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Gas

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Car Rental

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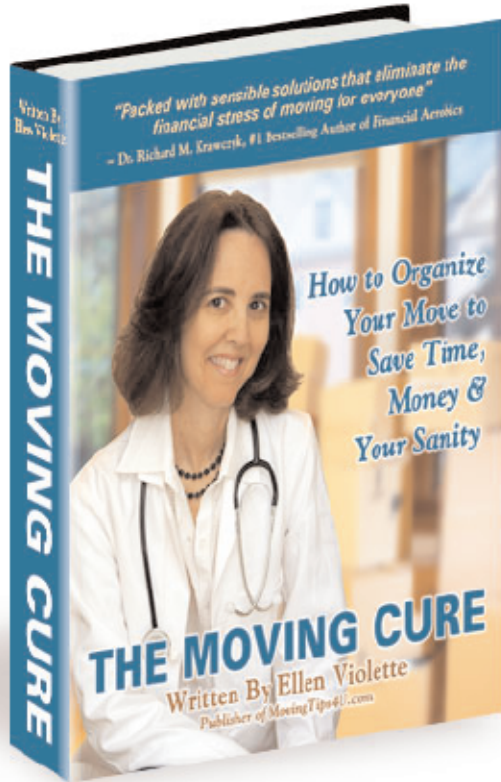
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