



ON THE MOVE

EVERYTHING WE HAVE TO OFFER FOR YOUR NEXT MOVE

PLANNING TIPS

1. "Make a checklist!"
– *Jacquelyn, NEX Mayport*
2. "Pack your passports, birth certificates and social security cards with you not with the movers."
– *Anesha, NEX Charleston*
3. Start prepping early. Assemble boxes ahead of time and place around your home to remind you to do a little packing each day.
4. When assembling boxes, use tape to seal the seam on the bottom, and then place another piece perpendicular to the seam for extra support.
5. Pack heavy items in smaller boxes to avoid straining your back.
6. "Start cleaning as you're packing."
– *Janet, MyNavyExchange.com*
7. Designate 1 box as a donation box to ensure you're packing only what you really NEED in your new home.
8. "Have your kids pack a special bag for themselves so they can feel like they are part of the move."
– *Mark, San Diego*
9. Ensure you label your boxes...try using different colored tape for each room or family member.
10. Label all sides of the box for easy unloading.
11. "Fill a separate box of essentials for the first night (i.e., cooking pots, utensils, glassware and plates) and clearly label FIRST NIGHT and place very last so that upon unpacking will be the first box seen and opened. This saved me time and strength because I was really hungry."
– *Efren, myNavyExchange.com*
12. Use clear plastic bins to pack important items you'll want when unpacking. This includes things like a box cutter, paper towels, trash bags, eating utensils, select cookware, power strips, phone chargers, toilet paper, tools, etc. The clear bin allows you to see inside; it also separates itself from the myriad of cardboard boxes.
13. When packing dishes, ensure they are standing up like records instead of stacked.
14. Warning...newspaper ink can transfer to your belongings. Consider using bubble wrap instead!
15. Make sure your valuables are cushioned with bubble wrap....if you can still feel your valuable through the wrap, you need more.
16. "Always keep the original boxes of your belongings (especially for big screen TV's!), it will keep your belongings more safe and secure from damage during PCS moves!"
– *Jaime, NEX San Diego*
17. Take a photo of how your electronics are connected so you can remember how and where all the wires go. Use masking tape to label your cords.
18. "Create an inventory of your belongings by taking pictures."
– *Silvia, San Diego*
19. "Plan ahead and using the services that NEX has to offer, like the Home Store, Auto Care and PODS rental."
– *Paul, NEX Lemoore*
20. "Stay Positive....NO matter what is thrown your way!!!"
– *Daniela, myNavyExchange.com*