



## Tips for a Smooth Move:

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In addition to getting an early start with packing, properly labeling all boxes will simplify the unpacking process later on.



One often-overlooked aspect of moving is to reserve parking spaces ahead of time.

## Five Tips for a Smooth Move

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1. **Hire a reputable mover.** Any successful move starts with hiring the right moving company. Prior to choosing a company, look it up on the California Public Utilities Commission website ([www.cpuc.ca.gov/puc](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/puc)), which keeps a record of licensed movers operating in the state.
2. **Get an early start.** Packing inevitably takes longer than expected, so get started several weeks in advance to avoid a stressful moving day.
3. **Pack smart.** Besides properly labeling boxes to take the guesswork out of unpacking, avoid filling large boxes with heavy items, as the excess weight may cause the box to break.
4. **Avoid parking issues.** If parking is an issue, try to reserve spaces in front of both locations for the move. Also, if there are elevators in your building, reserve one for moving day—having sole access will allow your movers to work more efficiently.
5. **Remember the non-physical aspects.** Call your utility companies and cable/internet provider to cancel service at your old residence and set up service at your new one. Also, in addition to submitting a change of address form to your local post office, remember to update your address with insurers, credit card companies and banks.



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