



moving

These are just some tips to help you lessen the pressures of moving, if you follow these you won't go too far wrong.....

1. Get heaps more boxes than you think you are going to need.
2. Two pairs of scissors, parcel tape and marking pens go in a small box out of reach of children.
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4. Set aside plenty of time for packing, it will take a lot longer than you think.
5. Don't put more in a box than you can comfortably lift yourself ó spread the books and CDs evenly among the boxes. (**see our free boxes**)
6. Label everything in big letters. If you are going to another country, make **three** copies of packing lists. One goes inside the box. One is for customs and one for your file. These things should be as detailed as possible as much for your own benefit as that of your customs agent.
7. Do as much packing as you can while the kids are asleep. If you have an accommodating friend, let them get on with it - you provide food and drink over several evenings.
8. Send pets away for a few days. Leave the children's things till last if they're little. Older children can pack their own stuff if it's not breakable.
9. Roll all clothes - fewer creases, so less ironing the other end.
10. Don't leave spaces for things to rattle into and break. Cram underwear, socks, etc. into every spare inch.



11. Wrap all liquids in at least two plastic bags with sticky tape round the necks of the bottles.
12. Check your **home insurance policy** (you may not have one in rented accommodation) and ensure that your contents are covered from the day you move into your new home. Also check you are covered for damage and breakages during the move.
13. Notify all utilities, banks, Government agencies etc in good time, particularly if you will be looking for tax rebates or return of deposits etc. In Ireland you can avail of www.newaddress.ie it is a free of charge service that will take care of all the major companies for you.
14. You will end up with more waste and rubbish than you imagine. Have plenty of refuse sacks on hand and don't be sentimental ó don't move what you don't need, dump it, give it away or better yet sell it on e-bay or similar.
15. Remember not to pack anything that you will need to use on your journey such as travel documents, visas. Passports etcí ..
16. Take frequent breaks while packing and try to remember that you are heading onwards and upwards.

And lastly remember to pack up all your happy memories and keep them close so that in times of stress you can look back and remember the good times you are taking with you.