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DIY Moving Hub Moving Day Prep Guide

Whether you're using movers or having friends come over to help move, being prepared and making sure that things are ready to go really makes the difference in how long and or how well the process goes to get you from point A to B. Here's what you need to know to be ready to go for Moving Day!

- **Boxes Packed** - The Most Important because it's the thing that takes the longest during the moving process. And this is the mindset that will set you up for success, start heavy, end light for each stage fo the process!
 - Labelled - Choose your labeling system to make sure that (A)You know what's in the boxes to make the unpacking easy and efficient. Then (B), to make sure your movers know how to treat the boxes, and where it goes.
 - Boxes Ready - Taped closed, no bulging, not too heavy to carry or for the integrity of the box/tote.
- **Rooms Ready/Clear**- This is crucial to ensure that searching time is cut out, as well as fumbling through a mess.
 - Clear Rooms - Top shelves, Attics, Outdoor, Garage, and other unfrequented places are free of things that need to be packed up. Pictures on Walls, fixtures etc.
 - Clear Floors - All clothes, trash, and small items packed or thrown away off of the floors.
 - Boxes Prepped(This is Sort of **Extra Credit** work) - stacked from heavy and sturdy at the bottom, to light and fragile at the top, and similar sizes if you can. Put about 3" from any object or other stacks of boxes to be ready to be dollied(the 3" from the wall is a bonus thing to make easier tilt back for a dollie stack). Most important is that they're packed!

Bonus Prep - here are a few reasons why you'd want to do bonus prep:

- You want to save loading time when help arrives
- Your help is inexperienced(Friends or cheap labor)
- You trust your abilities more than your help(Friends or cheap labor)
- You have extra time and are dedicated to a smooth move.

Bonus Checklist(in order of importance or time-saving impact)

- Disassemble Furniture & Unhook Appliances
- Wrap Furniture(Dresser, Table, Bed and other large Items)
- Pack Lamp Shades in a box(Lamp can be put in a blanket)
- Pack/Wrap Pictures.

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