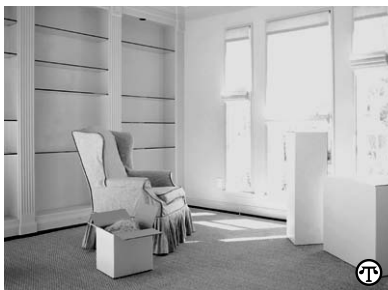# HINTS FOR HOMEBUYERS

Movin' On In: Tips For A Smooth Move

First things first: For privacy, security, light control and comfort, how to dress the windows should be one of the first decorating decisions movers make in their new homes.

(NAPSA)—Perhaps you're a home's first owners or maybe you're the fifteenth. Either way, you can get a jump start on your new place before moving day by following these tips:

1. **Start a notebook for the new house.** Jot down items to purchase or activities to handle. Include eye-catching fabric and color samples, favorite window product brochures and quotes from movers.

2. **Sketch a floor plan** of your new home when you don't have blueprints. Record measurements of rooms, windows, closets and doors in your notebook. Use measurements or blueprints to make a "to scale" floor plan and determine your furniture placement for moving day. Your movers will love your organization.

3. **Donate furniture, clothing and accessories** that no longer suit you—why bother packing and moving them?

4. **You will want to decorate your windows for style, comfort and practicality.** Go from room to room and ask yourself:

A. How will I use the room and how much light does it get? Plan on diffused light for living and dining rooms, hardworking window treatments and ventilation in the kitchen, and light control to prevent glare on computer and television screens. Think safety in kids' rooms, privacy in the master suite and humidity-tolerance in bathrooms.

B. How important are privacy, security and sound absorption? Is there a nearby neighbor or a busy street? Are windows easily accessible? Is traffic or public space something to be considered?

C. Are there valuable furnishings that need protection from the sun's UV rays?

D. Do you need to insulate your windows against winter cold and summer heat?

5. **Replace floor coverings or clean carpets** before furnishings arrive if a house was previously occupied so that everything is fresh and new.

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