

# Moving Ideas

## Design, Tech Pros Share Top Secrets For A Successful Move

(NAPSA)—Nearly 40 million Americans move every year and nearly half of those relocations occur between Memorial Day and Labor Day. With so many people on the move and so many things to remember, it's no wonder moving is viewed as a major stress. But it doesn't have to be that way if you know the secrets for a successful move.

David Gregg, a new-product journalist and senior editor from BehindtheBuy.com, and design expert Libby Langdon say that, first and foremost, it's important to have a clear action plan.

Planning ahead and being well organized will save you from feeling lost in your new home. You'll move in knowing that you'll have access to your daily necessities and key communication and entertainment devices, as well as knowing you've saved money and time.

"So often, families center their living room layout on the television," says Langdon. "Since technology has become such an important part of our lives, you want to make sure you've planned for it to all be up and running before you begin moving your furniture around."

To do this, Gregg suggests, "Have your phone, high-speed Internet and cable television connected on the first day. You can schedule the disconnect and reconnect of these services, in addition to picking up other stress-relieving moving tips, in one stop at [www.cablemover.com](http://www.cablemover.com)."



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Langdon says beware of moving old junk to a new space. "Get rid of what you don't use before you move." Further, Gregg says that leaving "old junk" behind presents the perfect opportunity to upgrade your technology and take advantage of safe, electronics disposal services offered by some retailers.

When it comes to unpacking, Libby says it's smart to have the movers load the moving truck so that larger items like dressers and storage pieces are unloaded first. That way, you can start putting items in them right away and get one step closer to feeling like your new house is your home.

Both experts agree that it's important to remember to leave everyday items, such as the coffee-maker, children's favorite toys, remote controls, blankets and pillows, aside for that last-load box, also known as the "survival box." This will make your first day and night in your new home easier and more comfortable.