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GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR HOME

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Get packing: 20 tips to make picking up and moving on a little easier

You'll kick yourself if anything happens to those precious baby pictures.

Each year, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, an estimated 43 million Americans do (about 12 times in a lifetime) what's considered by the Employee Relocation Council to be the third most stressful event of their lives following death and divorce—they move. So, maybe moving isn't the most pleasant experience, but it sure seems to be an inevitability. Happily, there are many ways to make it less stressful on the entire family. Below, we've compiled handy tips and tricks to assist you in the departure—from preparation down to the actual day, and beyond.



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1. The Name Game

2. Small Talk When it comes to choosing a moving company, bigger isn't necessarily better. "People are tending to use smaller specialty movers," says Debbie Horn, moving category manager of *The Franklin Report*, a survey of home renovation and maintenance services. "They will store your furniture while decorating is in progress, pick up new purchases, place your furniture, hang pictures—even have an on-staff electrician install that antique chandelier."

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