

UPSCALE MOVERS MOVING DAY TIPS: WHAT TO DO WHILE MOVERS ARE MOVING

BE THERE

First and foremost, you need to be at your home on moving day. If you can't be onsite, find someone who can: a friend, neighbor or family, but it should be someone reliable and trustworthy. Confirm they will be present the entire day, available to answer the movers' questions, and perform the tasks listed below. If there's a situation that needs your attention, that person should also be able to contact you.

CLEAR THE PATH

Before the movers arrive, walk the route they will take from all possible exits—including the front door, garage door and backyard gate—to the moving van. Move any obstructions, such as the garden hose or kids' toys. If it is snowy, shovel the snow; if it is icy, spread salt. Sweep or blow away any leaves, broken branches or debris along the path, too.

During the day, one of the most important things you can do is keep these routes clear. Movers may not always be able to see the path ahead of them, especially if they are moving large appliances or pieces of furniture. They may even need to walk backward to assist with heavy and awkward items. So making sure their route is safe should be a priority.

BE A GOOD HOST/GIVE THEM A TOUR

When the movers arrive, greet them at the door, and give them a tour of the home. Point out any items you think might be particularly challenging or ones that need extra attention. If you sectioned off a no-pack zone, be sure to point it out. Needless to say, if it's hot outside, adjust your thermostat to keep things cool inside. You may even consider setting up some fans to keep the air moving. On winter days, do just the opposite, and turn the heat up if it gets too cold with the doors open.

BE AVAILABLE FOR ASSISTANCE

Professional movers know how to pack your belongings and large items to avoid damage. Even when tempted to help—resist the urge. Stand back and let them do their job. Instead, be on hand to answer questions or resolve issues that may come up. Be sure they have your phone number if you have to run an errand or step out. When they finish loading the moving van, make sure they have the correct address where they are going.