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Moving? Making a plan is a big part of what we want to help you do!

1. **Strategize** - begin organizing and packing a month or more before your move date. Giving yourself more time means less stress. Start with things you aren't really using at the time like ski clothes, winter coats, books, games, etc. Most importantly - sort your stuff.
2. **Sort** – Create designated area(s) with bags and/or boxes labelled for stuff that can be donated, recycled or needs to be thrown away. Haven't worn a piece of clothing for more than two years? You can probably donate it. The same goes for books, toys and housewares/decorations. If you don't use it - it eventually just becomes a burden to you. More stuff to deal with - especially during your move.
3. **Junk Your Food** - Unlike wine, most food, vitamins and even toiletries do not get better with age. Go through your pantry, fridge, cupboards, medicine cabinet and bathrooms and sort any expired or unusable items.
4. **Decide Later** - Have a "maybe box" for stuff that's hard to decide on. Let it stay there for a couple of days. Often you'll find a decision easier to make after a little time. Deciding in a batch can save time as well rather than interrupting your fastidious packing.
5. **Use What You Got** - Luggage, totes, cardboard, etc. Stuff you already have is useful for packing. It'll take up space if it's empty and you have to move it anyway so you may as well fill it.
6. **Clear Plastic Bins** - They're easier, you can reuse them and quicker to work with. Your stuff is better protected - try putting a cardboard box down in a puddle! And they'll lower the impact of your move. They're kid friendly too - I have seen a child's most important toy accidentally packed up more than once. Now all you have to do is open the lid rather than cut open and re-tape a cardboard box.
7. **Protection** - Use your linens to pad the bottom and between other breakable items. Don't pack all your sheets and towels together. They can save you money and space on packing materials.
8. **Labels** – Place a label every single box and on the side so you can still read it when they're stacked and list the destination room as well as the contents.