



5 TIPS FOR FINDING YOUR MOVE MANAGER

Moving to a new location can be a daunting task, especially if you're downsizing from your long-term home.

Wouldn't it be nice to arrive in your new living space with everything you need already arranged and ready to enjoy—and secure in the knowledge that all the items you no longer need will be promptly disposed of in the best ways possible?

A move manager can help you before, during, and after your move, providing valuable assistance and peace of mind. A moving professional can make your move more organized, coordinated, and stress-free.

Plus, once you are settled into your new location, a move manager can work with your real estate professional to help ensure your former home is ready to sell while you concentrate on enjoying your new home.

Understand the Services Offered

Services vary from one move manager to another. Some charge hourly rates, while others offer package deals. Know what you are paying for and understand what's on your to-do list versus the tasks that your move manager will handle.

Before committing to a provider, ask for a contract, review it, and make sure it outlines the services provided.

A skilled move manager can be a worthwhile investment, making many aspects of your move go smoother and faster. With specialized assistance, you can reduce your move-related stress and increase your enjoyment of the life that awaits you in your new home!

How can you find the best move manager for your needs?

1. Ask for recommendations.

Your SRES® designee may already have working relationships with move managers—or they may offer these services.

Also, if you're moving into a senior living facility, ask the administrators if they can recommend move managers in your area.

2. Check professional move management organizations.

The National Association of Senior Move Managers (nasmm.org) and Certified Relocation & Transition Specialists (crtscertification.com) provide directories that may help identify professional move managers in your area.

3. Talk to family and friends.

If you know someone locally who has already experienced a later-in-life move, ask them about their experiences and see if they can offer recommendations for assistance.

4. Interview move managers.

Before committing to a move manager, interview them. Ask how they would approach your move and request details about service options and costs. Make sure you're comfortable with their approach and expertise—and that you trust their ability to meet your needs.

5. Request and use references.

Professional move managers should be able to provide a list of references, including previous or current clients. Be sure to talk to these individuals about their experiences.

Count on an SRES® to guide you through the process of buying or selling your home, making the transaction less stressful and more successful.

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