

MOVING IDEAS

Tips On Moving To A New Home With Less Cost, Time And Hassle

(NAPSA)—Planning to move to a new residence this year? Did you know that moving midweek is cheaper? That packing blankets in the dryer can prevent damage to the appliance? Or that moving expenses may be tax deductible?

Consumers can now find these insights and more on www.budget.com, Budget Truck Rental's interactive Web site for local and one-way, long-distance moves. The tips are coupled with a full range of moving services to help consumers save time, money and aggravation on Moving Day.

At least one month before Moving Day, Budget Truck Rental recommends the following:

- Make your truck rental reservation well in advance.

- Contact your insurance agent to verify your coverage. Many personal auto insurance policies and major credit cards do not provide truck rental coverage, and many homeowner's policies vary on how they cover your personal belongings in a move.

- Move midweek (Sunday to Thursday) or midmonth for the best rates and availability. Consumers can get rates as low as \$19.95 per day by booking trucks online at www.budget.com.

- Select the right-sized truck to move your household in one or two trips and avoid extra time, mileage charges or gasoline usage.

- Start packing early and don't settle for supermarket boxes. Supermarket boxes tend to crush easily and may be soiled and difficult to stack. You can purchase sturdy boxes at Budget locations, or even buy them online at www.budget.com and have them shipped directly to your home. Make sure to ask for special boxes



By leaving yourself extra prep time and working with professional movers, it's possible to avoid many of the hassles of relocating.

for your mirrors and framed artwork.

- Don't move unneeded items—have a garage sale or donate them to charity.

- Don't move paints, solvents and insecticides. They are considered hazardous materials.

- Change your address—in addition to the post office's official form, be sure to change your mailing address on credit cards, magazine subscriptions, driver's licenses, and school and voter registrations, and notify relatives and friends.

- Pack a personal suitcase filled with things you'll need until you're unpacked—change of clothes, cosmetics, address book, medications, etc. You may also want to pack a travel kit for the road including aspirin, band-aids, bottle opener, flashlight, necessary keys, paper plates and plastic utensils, paper towels, disposable cups, bathroom tissue, travel clock, toiletries and games for the kids.

- Recruit moving help. Be prepared if friends develop “mys-

terious back problems” or other ailments right around moving day. Also keep in mind that if you're moving to another city or state, you may not have friends nearby to help you unload your belongings.

For those consumers who need help moving, Budget Truck Rental provides a Load/Unload service, through which professional movers can either load the truck at your current residence, unload the truck at your new home, or both. In addition, an experienced Move Counselor can help to coordinate the entire relocation process.

At www.budget.com, viewers can access a complete Mover's Guide, with everything from moving checklists to the truck size and boxes/supplies needed for a move. Viewers can also calculate expenses for the entire move online, from the truck down to the bubble wrap.

Budget is the world's third largest car and truck rental system, and operates an average fleet of 40,000 trucks. For more information, visit the company's Web site at www.budget.com.