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# Your *Moving* Prep Kit

A step-by-step guide to decluttering, packing, and moving out without the chaos. Co-created by The Cutting Edge and iHaul iMove, Colorado Springs' most trusted movers since 2008.



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SECTION 1

# Decluttering Before *Showings*

Buyers need to picture themselves in your home. That only works when the clutter is gone. Here is where to start.

## ★ The rooms to tackle first

- Kitchen counters: clear everything except one or two small items
- Bathrooms: remove all personal products, leave one towel and soap
- Entryway: shoes, coats, and bags all need to disappear
- Kids rooms: reduce toys by at least half
- Closets: half-full closets look bigger and make buyers feel better about storage

## 📦 The Three-Box Method

- KEEP (moves with you)
- DONATE (schedule a pickup now, not later)
- TRASH (fill that bin guilt-free)

### PRO TIP FROM OUR CREW

If you have not touched it in a year, it is not coming with you. Every box you do not pack saves you real money on moving day. Our hourly rate goes a long way when there is less to move.

## ✓ What most people forget

- The garage: buyers open that door. Make it look like a garage, not storage.
- The basement and crawl space: same story
- Closets: overstuffed closets make buyers worry about storage
- The junk drawer: yes, people open it

# What to Pack *First*

You can start packing weeks before your move date without disrupting daily life. Here is the sequence that works.

## 17 Pack these now

- Seasonal decorations and holiday items
- Books you are not currently reading
- Extra linens and towels (keep one set per person out)
- Artwork and wall hangings
- Collections, knick-knacks, memorabilia
- Spare kitchen gadgets
- Files and paperwork not needed before closing
- Sporting equipment not in season
- Guest room items

## Leave these out until moving day

- One set of dishes, cups, and silverware per person
- Basic cooking supplies
- Toiletries and daily medications
- Cleaning supplies (needed for move-out)
- Phone chargers and a basic tool kit
- Important documents (keep with you, not on the truck)
- A change of clothes per family member

### 18 YEARS OF PACKING EXPERIENCE

Label every box on the TOP and SIDE with the room and what is inside. Not just "kitchen." Write "Kitchen - pots and pans" or "Master closet - winter clothes." Your future self will thank you. So will your movers.

SECTION 3

# Move-Out *Checklist*

Do not leave your closing day to chance. Run through this list before you hand over the keys.

## Inside the Home

- All rooms emptied and swept
- Appliances wiped inside and out
- Cabinets and drawers empty and clean
- All light fixtures have working bulbs
- Nail holes patched (or noted in disclosure)
- Thermostat set to agreed temperature
- All trash removed
- Garage door openers left behind

## Utilities & Admin

- Utilities transferred or cancelled
- USPS mail forwarding set up
- HOA notified of move date
- All keys and fobs accounted for
- Security system deactivated/transferred
- Mailbox keys left at property
- Warranties and manuals left for buyer
- Final walkthrough photos taken

## Outside the Home

- Yard is clean and mowed
- All personal items removed from garage, shed, and outbuildings
- Driveway and walkways cleared
- Nothing left in crawl space or attic unless agreed upon

SECTION 4

# Moving Day *Done Right*

The day goes faster and smoother than you think when you prepare. Here is how to set yourself up.



## The night before

- Confirm your move time with iHaul iMove: 719-368-8555
- Prepare a moving day bag (clothes, chargers, meds, snacks)
- Disassemble large furniture if needed
- Make sure appliances are defrosted and dry
- Put pets in a safe, out-of-the-way room or arrange care
- Park your car so the truck has full access



## Morning of the move

- Be home when the crew arrives
- Walk through and point out anything fragile
- Tell the crew which room each piece goes in
- Keep a clear path from each room to the front door
- Keep kids and pets out of high-traffic areas
- Have water available for the crew



## What iHaul iMove brings for you (as a The Cutting Edge client)

- Carpet shields and door padding to protect your new home
- Premium furniture blanket wrapping on every piece
- Floor runners for high-traffic areas
- \$1,000 in CargoGuard Move Protection (\$120 value) included on any move
- A fully licensed and insured crew with 800+ five-star reviews

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