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The Hidden Costs of Moving

Since I try to provide a stress-free move from start to finish, I want to let you in on some of the expenses you should expect when you move.

You'll need boxes, tape, markers, paper, bubble wrap. The average eight-room house requires about 100 boxes. Reduce the cost by checking with grocery stores for boxes.

When moving yourself, ask your insurer if your home and vehicle coverage applies. Valuables might not be covered. Professional movers' liability varies so you may need to pay for extra coverage. Items like pianos require special handling, which means extra charges.

Get referrals from friends and check the Better Business Bureau and MovingScam.com for a mover's complaint history to avoid getting cheated.

If you're moving yourself, you'll find your rental truck guzzles gas. Get a gas-mileage estimate from the rental company and then budget another 25%. Delays can happen that cause loading, supplies, and storage costs. Once moved in, you'll spend more eating out until you're fully unpacked.

Make a list of bills and their due dates so you don't miss any payments. Make sure you give sufficient notice to utilities, phone providers, cable companies, etc. to avoid cancellation fees.

There are more expenses once you get to your home; deposits and connection fees; changing the locks; appliances, furniture, window coverings, etc.; changes in your insurance (even moving a few blocks can raise your premiums).

Remember, moving can be difficult, but a good Realtor will guide you through the pitfalls and take away stress.

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