

Make **MOVING** Into A New Home **STRESS FREE**

(NAPSI)- Moving to a new home can be exciting but also stressful. Fortunately, a few tips from the experts can help reduce the stress.

1. Pack by rooms so you can unpack by rooms.
2. Pack one room at a time and by zones within the rooms. This streamlines the unpacking process.
3. Label all the boxes clearly with your name, the room, the contents and where the contents will be stored.
4. Pack the important financial documents separately.
5. Pack your cleaning supplies separately so that when you arrive at your new home you can find them when you need them.
6. Don't overpack boxes. If boxes are too heavy, you won't be able to lift them, or the boxes may break when you lift them.
7. To make sure nothing is lost during the move, number the boxes and create a checkoff list. When in the new home, cross off each number as you see the box being removed from the truck.
8. Use hand lotion throughout the day because handling cardboard and paper can dry our your hands.
9. Label the kitchen boxes by the following zones: cooking zone, food preparation zone, food storage zone and cleaning zone.

When unpacking, it is important to know the zones of the kitchen and what items should be stored in those zones.

For example, the food preparation zone should house cutting boards, knives, storage containers and spices. The cooking zone includes having the pots and pans close to the stove and oven. And the cleaning zone should accommodate all your cleaning supplies in an organized and easy-to-use manner.

Before doing anything else, say the experts at Merillat Cabinetry, who compiled these tips, make the bed so you'll have a comfortable place to sleep at the end of the day.

Unpack all your toiletries. Consider putting all the lamps and pictures in the closets temporarily for safekeeping.

There are also some basic pointers that all homeowners should know: Focus on unpacking the essential items first. Take your time to unpack things you don't need right away.

When you do get around to unpacking all items, carefully consider where you'll store them. Think about how often you'll use them and how easily accessible they need to be. ■

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AREA	PRICE	DAY/TIMES	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	LISTED BY	AGENT	PHONE
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Bedford	\$299,900	Sun 1:30-3:00	2288 Smith Rd.	4 brm, 3.5 bath, 3 car garage, finished bsmt, loft	Welles Bowen Gio Realty, Inc.	John Decker	419-944-7278
Bedford	\$229,900	Sun 1:00-3:00	6701 Summerway Ct.	Spec home & pond lots available	Welles Bowen Gio Realty, Inc.	Michelle Rumans	419-467-5882
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Maumee	\$124,900	Sun 12:00-2:00	4410 Margrete	1 story, 3 brm, 2 bath! Maumee Schools	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Debbie Mitchell	419-509-9821
Maumee	\$94,900	Sun 2:00-4:00	1240 Scott	New listing! 3 brms, w/bsmt! Maumee Schools	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Joe DiSalle	419-460-5235
Northwood	\$132,900	Sun 12:00-1:30	2524 Eden East	Great buy!	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Ann Mahon	419-461-4587
Oregon	\$139,900	Sunday 1 to 4	851 Lallendorf	Spacious two bedroom condo	Welles Bowen Realtors	Dee Cottrell	419-360-8001
Ottawa Hills	\$174,900	By Appt.	5458 Citation Road	Stunning view, 2 brm., 2 bath, great room, fp, bsmt, 2 car	Carrietowne Realty	Terry McLeary	419-841-3551
Ottawa Hills	\$349,900	Sun 2:00-4:00	3712 Brookside	4 brm Colonial, hardwood, 3 fireplaces, new kitchen	Welles Bowen Realtors	Julie Nowacki	419-779-6015
Ottawa Hills	\$449,000	Sunday 2-4 pm	4203 Northmoor	4881 square feet, updated, fresh carpet & paint! 5 brm, 4+ bath	Effler/Schmitt Co.	David Effler	419-537-1113
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Perrysburg	\$239,900	11:30-1:00	14531 Olde Trail	4 brm, 2.5 bath, expansive outdoor entertaining area, fin. bsmt w/theatre system	Welles Bowen Realtors	Kam Warner	419-345-5170
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South Toledo	\$144,900	Sunday, January 8th, 2-4 pm	2543 Glengate	2 brm, 2 bath, ranch-style condo w/finished bsmt	Key Realty	Pam Eckel	419-320-2328
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