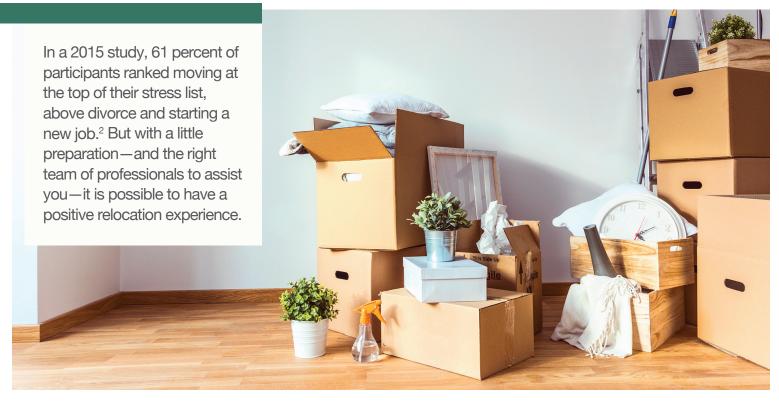


- **1. Gather Information:** If you're unfamiliar with your new area, start by doing some research.<sup>1</sup>
- ☐ Look for data on housing prices, demographics, school rankings and crime statistics.
- ☐ Map out major interstates and public transit routes.
- ☐ Check out local newspapers, blogs and online forums.
- ☐ If you're moving for a job, find out if your employer offers any relocation assistance.
- **2. Identify Your Ideal Neighborhoods:** Use your research to determine which communities would be a good fit for you and your family.
- Prioritize your "needs" and "wants" based on factors such as budget, schools and commute time.
- ☐ Identify neighborhoods that meet your criteria.
- ☐ Visit in person to get a feel for each community.
- ☐ Strike up conversations with local residents.



3.	Find	Your	New	Home	(and	Sell	Your	Old	One):
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Contact a real estate agent for assistance.

- ☐ Prioritize your "needs" and "wants" for your new house.
- ☐ Start the process of selling or renting out your current home.
- ☐ Find out how much equity you have in your current home.
- 4. Prepare for Your Departure: Allow yourself plenty of time to pack—it often takes longer than expected.
- ☐ Sort your belongings: take, trash, sell or donate.3
- ☐ Research and select a moving company.
- ☐ Schedule final get-togethers with friends and family.
- **5. Prepare for Your Arrival:** Ensure a smooth transition by thinking about what you'll need when you arrive.
- ☐ Pack an "essentials box" with everything you'll need for the first few nights in your new home.4
- Turn on utilities, update accounts and forward mail.
- ☐ Have the house professionally cleaned.
- Order window treatments and appliances ahead of time.

- 6. Get Settled In Your New Home: Create a plan so your new house will be well organized.
- ☐ If you have young children, unpack their rooms first to establish a sense of comfort and normalcy.5
- ☐ Next, unpack any items you use on a daily basis.
- □ Let pets adjust to a single room first.<sup>6</sup>
- ☐ Take breaks to explore your new hometown!
- 7. Get Involved In Your New Community: Combat feelings of loneliness and depression that can come with moving.<sup>7</sup>
- ☐ Go out for a walk and explore your new area.
- ☐ Join a local interest group or volunteer for a cause.
- ☐ Introduce yourself to your new neighbors, and make an effort to get to know them.

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