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**Moving Tips and Hacks**

* Start packing early! If you are moving in 3 months, pack all the ‘seasonal’ things you won’t be using. So if it’s June, pack winter gear, Christmas deco and Christmas dishes. If it’s January, pack the water skis, the outdoor furniture and the beach towels.
* Pack a “comfort box” for each member of your family, including pets. Items you will find in our comfort boxes are anything you can pull out the first night to feel comfort. Examples include the kids’ favorite blankets and stuffies, my favorite candle with a lighter to light it right away, favorite snacks, socks, tea or coffee. It’s also a good idea to pack essential items in an overnight bag like toothbrushes and a few changes of clothing. Your future self will thank you!
* Keep one box for super important items like passports, bills you will need to pay (basically anything that cannot get lost for a month).
* Pack boxes fully. Don’t leave big gaps in boxes. We filled in many of our boxes with towels, extra clothing, even rolls of toilet paper.
* I have moved my clothing on hangers several times. To do this, you keep bundles of clothing on hangers and cover them with (unscented) trash bags that are turned over with a hole for the hangers. It saves a lot of time. It works great!
* Choose boxes that are uniform in size and have handles. Our favorite options are [this size for bigger items](https://amzn.to/45tDLby) (kitchen appliances, toys, etc.) and [this size](https://amzn.to/3WwuqM1) for books and decor. This is a must! Everything stacks perfectly and it will make your move easier.
* Label necessary items you will need immediately VERY clearly. Make them very easy to find. This could include sheets and blankets, towels, toiletries and daily use kitchen items like a coffee maker or tea kettle.
* *Reward yourself for all your hard work*. You deserve it!