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**Article:** *“Moving – The Ultimate Opportunity To Get Organized”*

**Highlights:**

**Getting Ready To Move**

- \* Give yourself what you need – break job into smaller pieces and create a timeline, stock up on supplies
  
- \* Involve the kids – help them pack a special travel bag of their prized possessions that will not go on the moving truck, involve them in exchanging phone numbers and addresses with friends
  
- \* Pack as soon as you can – start with infrequently used items, label boxes clearly
  
- \* Make moving day a breeze – color code each box for room it goes in at new house

**Declutter Before Or After**

- \* Evaluate your belongings – gather similar objects by category and take inventory
  
- \* Streamline and feel great – set up containers labeled “give away,” “toss,” and “keep.” Discard things you don’t love, are broken or provoke feelings of unhappiness
  
- \* A new life for old objects – Give away items to friends, family or your favorite charity. Or sell items at consignments shops or auctions

**Settling In**

- \* Command central – create a headquarters spot with your supplies and a phone
  
- \* Make kids top priority – unpack with your kids, decorate their new room to feel settled
  
- \* Unpack what you need most first – set aside the priority items like bed linens, towels and kitchen gadgets that you will likely need immediately after moving