

Make Your Move Easy

Atlantic Bay makes it easier for you to get your loan. Now we want to make your move easy, too. Moving day is the start of a new life for your family. Like any adventure, it takes a substantial amount of planning and effort to make it a pleasant experience. The earlier you start preparing for the move, the less stressful it'll be. These tips can help make your move easier.

EIGHT WEEKS BEFORE YOUR MOVING DATE:

- Contact moving companies for onsite estimates. If you're moving yourself, request estimates from rental truck companies.
- Start to purge unwanted or unneeded items. Tackle the job of disposing of unwanted items room by room. Keep in mind that the more things you keep, the more things you'll have to pack, move, and unpack. If an item is going to become a burden, toss it.
 - **Kitchen and dining area** - Go through your pantry, refrigerator and cabinets and toss any expired or unusable items.
 - **Bathrooms** - Search your medicine cabinet and under the sink for any expired or unusable items. Toss any near-empty bottles of cleaning supplies, shampoo, or other liquids.
 - **Bedrooms** - Explore your closets and drawers and separate clothes you want to keep from those you want to throw out or donate.
 - **Living room and family room** - If you have book cases or magazine racks, dispose of old newspapers and magazines and separate books you want to keep from those you want to donate. Also throw out any decorative items you no longer want.
 - **Garage** - Dispose of old paint, oil, propane gas or other flammable materials as required by law. Give away outgrown riding toys or bikes. Throw out broken lawn chairs.

SIX WEEKS BEFORE YOUR MOVING DATE:

- Schedule a moving company or reserve a rental truck.
- Gather all the items you'll need for packing.

Materials will vary depending on whether you'll be hiring professional packers and movers or handling the move yourself. Refer to the packing supply list below.

Packing Supply Checklist		
For all movers		For do-it-yourself movers
Cardboard moving boxes	Color coding dot stickers	Hand truck
Packing tape	Duct tape	Rope
Bubble wrap	Small resealable bags	Heavy stretch wrap
X-ACTO® knife	Heavy duty garbage bags	Moving blankets
Old newspapers	Tools for furniture disassembly	
Sharpies®, paper, and pen		

- Ask for free boxes from grocery stores, liquor stores, and super stores.
- Using an X-ACTO® knife, cut triangles on two opposite sides of the boxes to serve as handles. This will make lifting them easier.
- Create an inventory chart to track boxes as you pack and color code them. Having this information will help you locate your items more easily when you unpack.

Box #	Room	Contents	Color	Notes
#1	Kitchen	Glasses	Red	
#2	Kitchen	Dishes	Red	
#3	Bedroom 1	Bed Linens	Orange	
#4	Master Bath	Shower curtain, towels	Blue	

- Begin to pack items you won't need immediately such as books and knick knacks.
- Number and label every box with the destination room and contents. Mark the information on the side so you can still read it when the boxes are stacked.
- Color code boxes for each room with color coding dot stickers, available from office supply stores and online sellers. For example, red dots for kitchen, blue for bathroom, green for living room, etc.
- Record each box number on your inventory chart.



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FOUR WEEKS BEFORE YOUR MOVING DATE:

- Pack an essentials box** – Make a list of everything you'll need to make the first night in your home comfortable. As moving day nears, pack the items in a box marked Essentials or Open Me First. On moving day, transport the box yourself, along with a suitcase packed with a change of clothes for each family member, so you'll have the things you need with you when you arrive.

The essential items may include:

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| ✓ Toilet paper | ✓ Plastic plates, cups, and utensils | ✓ Flashlight and/or night lights |
| ✓ A shower curtain | ✓ Towels and bed linens | ✓ First aid kit and medications |
| ✓ Soap and toiletries | ✓ Cleaning products and paper towels | ✓ Cell phone charger |
| ✓ Snacks and bottled water | | |

- Pack a bedtime box for each child** – Ask each child to gather a few favorite toys, blankets, and books to make their first night in their new home more comfortable. Pack the items in an easy-to-carry tote that your child can carry and keep in the car during the trip.

TWO WEEKS BEFORE YOUR MOVING DATE:

- Pack the kitchen and dining area
 - Fill your large pots and pans with spices to save space.
 - Pack your glasses in wine cases, available from liquor stores, to protect them from breaking.
 - If you're moving your refrigerator, defrost and clean it 24 hours before the move.
- Pack the bedrooms
 - Use clothing to wrap and pad your breakables.
 - Use your linens to pad the bottom of boxes and as layers between breakable items.
 - Place all valuables such as jewelry and heirlooms in a secure lock box and keep it with you at all times.
 - Pack your clothes in large trash bags to make it easy to move them to your new closet. Be sure to apply a color code dot to the bags so no one will confuse them with trash and throw them out.
 - Pack all your suitcases and luggage before you start using boxes.
- Pack the living area
 - Tape together the assortment of screws and nails for each piece of furniture. Mark the furniture it goes with on tape with a permanent marker.
- Pack the office
 - Take pictures of your electronics cables and connections so you can re-connect them quickly at your new home.
 - Pack books and other heavy items in rolling luggage to make them easier to transport.
 - Back up your computer and make a hard copy of important information or store a copy on a USB Flash Drive.
- Pack the bathrooms
 - Cover your liquids with plastic wrap to prevent leaking. Pack them in a waste basket.

ONE WEEK BEFORE YOUR MOVING DATE:

- Pack a kit with check book, credit cards, important documents, and moving papers
- Protect your valuables and irreplaceable items
 - Carry items such as jewelry, cameras, photos and family treasures with you, as well as important documents.

MOVING DAY:

- Check your boxes against your inventory list to ensure everything arrived.
- Open your Essentials box and prepare for your first night in your new home.

Moving to a new location is an exciting time for you and your family. Following these tips will ensure your transition to your new house is smooth and efficient. In no time at all, you'll feel right at home in your new surroundings. If you have questions about financing your new home before your move, I'm here to help. Just call, email, or text me.

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