

MOVING DAY

Help! I'm downsizing and Moving!



Alice's Scenario

"I've lived in the same house for over 50 years. My husband passed away a year ago. I've decided to make the move to a senior residence in my neighborhood. My children all want to help. The problem is, everyone is so busy. My daughter Anne has 3 children and works full time as a dental technician. My son Robert is a busy professional and also coach of my grandson's soccer team. I'm stressed out just thinking about this. Everyone is full of ideas and promises to get things going but the time never seems right."

Solution

Hire a senior move management company who will provide all services you need for your transition. They will help you choose the right items to take to your new home. They will downsize your existing home, selling, donating and disposing of unwanted items and deliver items to family members. They will pack, move and unpack your items. A "full service" company will also help you prepare your existing home for the real estate market, assist in choosing the right real estate agent and completely set-up your new home to be fully functional evening of the move.

Advantages of Using a

Senior Move Management Company

A reputable senior move management company will save you money and

time. They have all services and contacts in place to make your move smooth and cost efficient.

How do I find a Senior Move Management Company?

Check out senior magazines such as Help's Here. Once you find the name of one, call or visit their website to read about their founding principals, how the company came to be, their mission statement, how long they have been in business, their referral base. Are they members of the Better Business Bureau? Do they provide a free consult?

Making the Appointment and Reviewing the Estimate

When interviewing the company during the free consult, ask yourself these questions. How do I feel about the consultant? Is their presentation professional? Did they spend quality time with me to listen to my story and understand the scope of the job? Did they offer practical solutions that make sense to me? When reviewing the estimate, make sure it is transparent, breaking downs costs for each service and showing the actual hours it will take to complete your transition. ■

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