Moving on a Budget
Where the Money Actually Goes

Moving money goes to ten predictable places. Here is where, and how to spend less on each.

1. **The truck or the movers** ☐
   Compare quotes and ask about weekday rates.
2. **Boxes and packing supplies** ☐
   Ask stores and friends for free boxes.
3. **Fuel, tolls and parking** ☐
   Plan the route and ask about a truck permit.
4. **Helpers** ☐
   A pizza and a thank-you can be cheaper than movers.
5. **Cleaning supplies** ☐
   Buy a basic kit once and use it at both places.
6. **Deposits** ☐
   Security deposit and utility deposits.
7. **The first month's rent and fees** ☐
   Know the due dates before you move.
8. **Takeout during the move** ☐
   Plan simple meals in advance.
9. **Storage** ☐
   Only keep what you need to store.
10. **The things you forgot** ☐
    Keep a small buffer for surprises.