Moving Day Do's and Don'ts Checklist for Residents
Moving can be exciting, but proper planning helps reduce stress and prevent costly mistakes. Use this checklist to make your move as smooth as possible.

✅ DO's
Before Moving Day

- ✅ Give proper notice to your landlord or property manager.
- ✅ Schedule utility transfers for electricity, gas, water, internet, and trash services.
- ✅ Update your mailing address with the post office, banks, insurance companies, and employers.
- ✅ Declutter and donate unwanted items before packing.
- ✅ Label all boxes by room and contents.
- ✅ Pack important documents, medications, and valuables separately.
- ✅ Reserve elevators and loading areas if required by your community.
- ✅ Confirm moving company details and arrival times.

On Moving Day

- ✅ Protect floors, walls, and doorways while moving furniture.
- ✅ Keep walkways, hallways, and stairwells clear.
- ✅ Dispose of trash properly.
- ✅ Conduct a final walkthrough of your residence.
- ✅ Take photos documenting the condition of your unit before leaving.
- ✅ Return all keys, garage door openers, access cards, and parking permits.
- ✅ Lock all windows and doors before departing.

After Moving

- ✅ Verify all utilities are functioning at your new residence.
- ✅ Check smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
- ✅ Introduce yourself to neighbors.
- ✅ Unpack necessities first, including kitchen, bathroom, and bedding items.

❌ DON'Ts
Before Moving Day

- ❌ Wait until the last minute to start packing.
- ❌ Overpack boxes, making them difficult to lift safely.
- ❌ Forget to measure large furniture before moving.

- ❌ Pack hazardous materials without checking moving company guidelines.

On Moving Day

- ❌ Block fire lanes, entrances, or neighboring parking spaces.
- ❌ Leave furniture, mattresses, or boxes near dumpsters unless permitted.
- ❌ Drag heavy furniture across floors.
- ❌ Prop open secured doors without management approval.
- ❌ Allow children or pets to roam active moving areas.
- ❌ Leave personal belongings unattended in common areas.

After Moving

- ❌ Forget to update emergency contact information.
- ❌ Leave behind personal items or trash.
- ❌ Ignore move-out cleaning requirements.
- ❌ Assume your security deposit will be refunded without completing all move-out obligations.