

# Moving Ideas

## Three Ways To Save

(NAPSA)—Every year, some 35 million Americans move to a new home. If you're ever among them, you should know that three simple steps can help you go a long way toward more savings and less stress:

**1. Downsize.** Donate, sell or toss anything you don't love, need or use. Pay special attention to bulky, heavy stuff such as:

- **Books and magazines.** Are you really going to read them again?



**Shop around when hiring movers. Some give discounts to students, the military, older people or AAA members.**

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- **Food.** Why pay movers to pack and lug 80-cent cans of tomatoes or \$1 boxes of pasta?
- **Old appliances.** A washing machine lasts about 10 years, a dryer 13. It may pay to buy new ones for your new home.

**2. Comparison shop.** The American Moving & Storage Association recommends getting at least three in-home quotes.

**3. Time your move.** Mid-week and mid-month can offer better deals and more flexible dates with movers. Also, get an early start the day of your move. Two of the best time-savers:

- If you live in an apartment, reserve elevator access for moving day.
- Save a parking spot for the moving truck in front of your building.

### Learn More

For further moving facts and tips, go to [www.Moving.org](http://www.Moving.org).