


∞ Your **Guide** to Discovering ∞
WHAT MOVES you





VARIETY *is* *the Spice of Life*

From our residents to our employees, we come from all walks of life and we love it that way. With that in mind, we designed this handy moving guide to address your needs, whoever and wherever you may be! In this guide, you'll find useful tips and advice for planning a move to your new home. Read on and let us make your move as smooth as it can be.





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Students *&* First-Time Movers

Whether you're living off-campus for the first time or simply striking out on your own, moving into your first apartment is guaranteed to be a learning experience. Make the transition a smooth one and avoid learning lessons the hard way by planning ahead and setting yourself up for success! Let us walk you through some of the essentials.



NEED TO BE CLOSE TO SCHOOL OR WORK ?

Research public transit options nearby to find the most cost-efficient and timely ways of getting to and from your new place.



Trying to cut costs? The average household spends 18 cents of every dollar on transportation, and 94% of this goes to buying, maintaining, and operating cars, the largest expenditure after housing. Taking the train or bus could be a great way to reduce your carbon footprint while saving time and money. ([Get the facts](#))



PLANNING ON LIVING WITH A ROOMMATE?

Coordinate ahead of time to determine which items you'll be bringing and which you'll need to purchase. There are many items you may be able to get second-hand from friends and family looking to donate old furniture or other household items.

Consider checking out thrift stores or sites like [Craigslist](#) for deals on used items that are typically more expensive like bed frames, couches, or dining room sets.



HAVE YOU FIGURED OUT YOUR FINANCES?

Get an accurate picture of your overall monthly bills and financial responsibilities by using a [budget calculator](#). In addition to your monthly rent, most apartments will require you to set up utility services. Trash and water are typically included, but you will likely be responsible for gas and electric. Make sure to discuss each of your utility services with your property staff so that you know exactly what to set up and when to pay.

Remember, you'll also be responsible for setting up additional services like cable and internet. With these utilities, as well as with gas and electric, calling ahead and setting up appointments for move-in day will help you avoid eating take-out by candlelight and taking cold showers during the first week in your new home!

Save time and money by using [BozzutoConnect](#), our complimentary service that makes the move to your new apartment home easier than ever by providing you with an instant comparison of the major service providers in your area!



WHAT MOVES YOU?

A great way to save money and stay green when moving is to **utilize recycled cardboard boxes**. Find a local business and ask if you can take some of their used boxes off their hands. Usually grocery stores or restaurants will be your best bet since they receive weekly deliveries of goods that are packed in cardboard that are likely to be tossed out.



Recycling one ton of cardboard saves more than 9 cubic yards of landfill space. When you're finished with your boxes, take them to a nearby recycling center or offer them to a fellow mover! ([Get the facts](#))

Another stress free method is to utilize a green moving solutions company such as [RePax](#). They're eco-friendly containers are easy to use and a great alternative to cardboard.



Professionals

You know you've made it when you stop asking for help from friends who own trucks when it comes time to make a move. You take pride in your furnishings and want to ensure the smoothest move possible, but a busy schedule makes it difficult to think of everything. Luckily, Bozzuto is here to offer some helpful hints that could save you some time and keep your sanity when transitioning to a new home.



USE A MOVING CHECKLIST ?

There are plenty of **DIY moving checklists** available online that you can use to prepare yourself for a move weeks, even months, before you move in. Having a plan and sticking to it eliminates the majority of moving headaches, and you will be amazed at how much stress you can save yourself by keeping organized. [BozzutoConnect](#), our complimentary service that instantly compares deals from the telecommunication and electricity providers in your area, has a free moving checklist to help get you started!



GOING GREEN IS EASIER AND CHEAPER THAN EVER.

Making an eco-friendly move is easier than you might think. The first step is **committing yourself using recycled cardboard instead of buying new boxes**. A great resource for finding cheap and reliable used boxes is [UsedCardboardBoxes.com](#), a company who rescues cardboard on the way to the dump and repurposes it to be used again. As a plus, they offer free shipping and 1-2 day delivery. If you're in the market for something a bit sturdier, consider [RePax](#). Their zero-waste pack and move boxes are converted from post-consumer and industrial trash, and they offer a cheaper, more environmentally-friendly alternative to single-use, disposable packing options.



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MOVERS, BUT DO YOUR DUE DILIGENCE.

Hiring movers will keep decreasing the physical burden of moving, but trusting others to care for your prized possessions can be frightening. **Here are a few tips for choosing a professional mover:**

- Read customer feedback and reviews on moving companies in your area on sites like Yelp and the Better Business Bureau.
- Keep in mind that estimates are exactly that - an approximate number for the cost of your move. It's best to plan that the move will cost more, not less, than the original estimate.
- Bozzuto is enrolled with Uncle Bob's self storage to provide our clients with exclusive discounts on monthly storage fees and special services. You can view our special discounts, including a FREE truck rental, [here](#). If you choose Uncle Bob's, you may activate your exclusive Bozzuto discount [here](#).



Military

As a servicemember making a move for Temporary Duty (TDY), Temporary Additional Duty (TAD), or a Permanent Change of Station (PCS), it's essential to know what you'll need to bring with you and how you will get it to your new home. Follow along with Bozzuto as we review some of the best resources available to help you make the most comfortable move possible.





SAVE TIME & MONEY BY PLANNING AHEAD

Did you know that peak moving season for the Department of Defense and the U.S. Coast Guard runs from May through August? Or that more than 225,000 shipments of household goods are made during this time each year?

As soon as you receive confirmation that you will be making a move, especially if it falls during peak moving season, **contact either your local installation Transportation Office or the Defense Personal Property System** via www.Move.mil to ensure that you'll be able to lock in your ideal shipping and receiving dates.



GET TO KNOW YOUR NEW HOME

Your **one-stop shop for installation and state resources** is MilitaryInstallations. Browse their site to gain insight into transporting pets, services for special needs families, check-in procedures, motor vehicle requirements, school information, and much more related to the area to which you will be moving.



EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

While we would love you to join us in one of our Bozzuto communities, we understand that we can't be a perfect fit for everyone. **A great resource for servicemembers and their families is the Automated Housing Referral Network.** They specialize in finding available housing specifically for the military. You can explore their site at AHRN.



BOZZUTO SALUTES YOU

Many Bozzuto properties offer discounts or incentives to our friends in uniform. Be sure to inquire with the property manager to see how you can take advantage of what we have to offer!

Sources: Military.com, MilitaryFamily.org



Making a Solo Move

Moving on your own is a daunting task, but like any massive undertaking, breaking it down into manageable steps and planning ahead will help keep your sanity intact and your move on track.



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Moving with Pets



Many of our Bozzuto communities welcome your furry companions with open arms. Nothing makes an apartment quite like your snuggly feline or tail-wagging pup. Even so, we know that uprooting a pet for a move across town, to a new city, or all the way across state lines can be a traumatizing experience that must be handled with care. Let us offer a few tips for keeping all four paws intact!



GET THE BALL ROLLING EARLY!

To help ease the stress on both you and your pet, here are a few pieces of advice to prepare for your move in advance:

- Get referrals for a vet before your move; don't wait until you get to a new town or community to find a vet if possible. Utilize online resources such as Yelp to get feedback on the best vets in your new neighborhood.
- Find out if your new town requires pet licenses.
- If driving a long distance to your new town, research pet-friendly hotels along the way in advance.
- Know the pet emergency care facilities and vets in your new town before going. This way, you're prepared if anything happens during your move.
- Check with your new building's manager about any pet-specific moving requirements.
- Make sure that you update your pet's identification tags with your new information **BEFORE** you move. Accidents happen, and a stressed out pet who decides to take a stroll through the new neighborhood when you're moving boxes will have a much easier time being returned.



MAKE A LIST!

Make sure to **use a check-list of pet essentials to keep you organized** and to ensure that you're not forgetting anything for the big day! Here's a start:

- Veterinary and Immunization records.
- Bedding, toys, and other items your pet will associate with home.
- An ample supply of your pet's usual food. Making a move is hard enough as it is, so avoid changing your pet's diet at all costs.
- A spare leash just in case your usual leash disappears during the move.
- A crate or safe enclosure for long distance traveling.



Empty Nesters & Retirees

Planning a move in your golden years brings a whole new batch of considerations and concerns that aren't as important when we're in our younger years. The logistics of planning a big move can become overwhelming, so let Bozzuto offer you some helpful tips on making your move (mostly) headache-free.



PLAN YOUR SERVICE NEEDS

Many professional moving companies specialize in assisting seniors with their move by offering additional services beyond simply transporting goods to your new home.

According to the National Association of Senior Move Managers (NASMM) the five most popular services offered by senior moving specialists are:

- Unpacking and setting up the new home
- Move planning and oversight
- Sorting services
- Customized floor plans
- Downsizing and disposal/distribution of remaining items



EVALUATE YOUR FINANCIAL OPTIONS

On average, contracting with a senior moving organization will cost between \$40-\$60 an hour. Moving to a one-bedroom unit averages less than \$2,500, compared to the average cost of moving to a two-bedroom, which can run as high as \$4,000.



MAKE YOUR MOVE WITH CONFIDENCE AND TRUST

The NASMM was created to “facilitate the physical and emotional aspects of relocation for older adults and to enhance the professional competence of its members.” Visit [NASMM](#) to become informed about businesses and services for older adults in your area.

Ideally, your moving company will understand the special considerations that should be given to older adults when transitioning to a new home. When choosing a company, ensure they are ready to manage all aspects of the process and facilitate a smooth move. NASMM suggests asking the following questions when contacting a moving company who specializes in senior moving: **1.** How long have you been providing senior move management services? **2.** Have you participated in any formal training programs? **3.** Can you provide references?



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