



FINANCIAL FACTS

the perfect move

Once you've bought your home, you may think you have finished making decisions. Not quite. Now you need to decide whether you're going to move yourself or hire movers. Which way is right for you?

Move Yourself

The number one reason why people choose to move themselves is to save money. It also gives you more control over the moving process. You can plan your moving day around your schedule. You get to decide when and how all of your possessions will be moved, i.e. you can move your things gradually, or all in one day. Lastly, you don't have to worry about strangers handling your possessions.

Hire Movers

The main benefits to hiring movers are ease, convenience and time. There's no truck to rent, no packing to do, no heavy lifting. All that you are responsible for is making the initial arrangements – they do the rest. They know how to handle your items in a safer manner, so there's

less chance that any of your things will get damaged. If anything does, the moving company is responsible for repairing or replacing them. Lastly, their staff is experienced at driving trucks on the highway and more skilled at maneuvering them and backing them up into drive-ways.

A Few Questions

Ultimately, deciding whether to move yourself or to hire movers will come down to how much work you want to take on, your budget and your peace of mind. Here are a few questions to ask yourself in order to further assist you in making your final decision.

- Do you realistically have the time to do the entire move yourself?

- Are you physically capable of loading/unloading on both ends of the move?
- Do you have enough family and/or friends that would be willing to help?
- Are you comfortable asking your family and friends to help?
- Do you worry about some of your items getting damaged during the move?
- Are you comfortable driving a big truck?
- Does the idea of being responsible for moving yourself leave you feeling stressed or keep you awake at night?

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