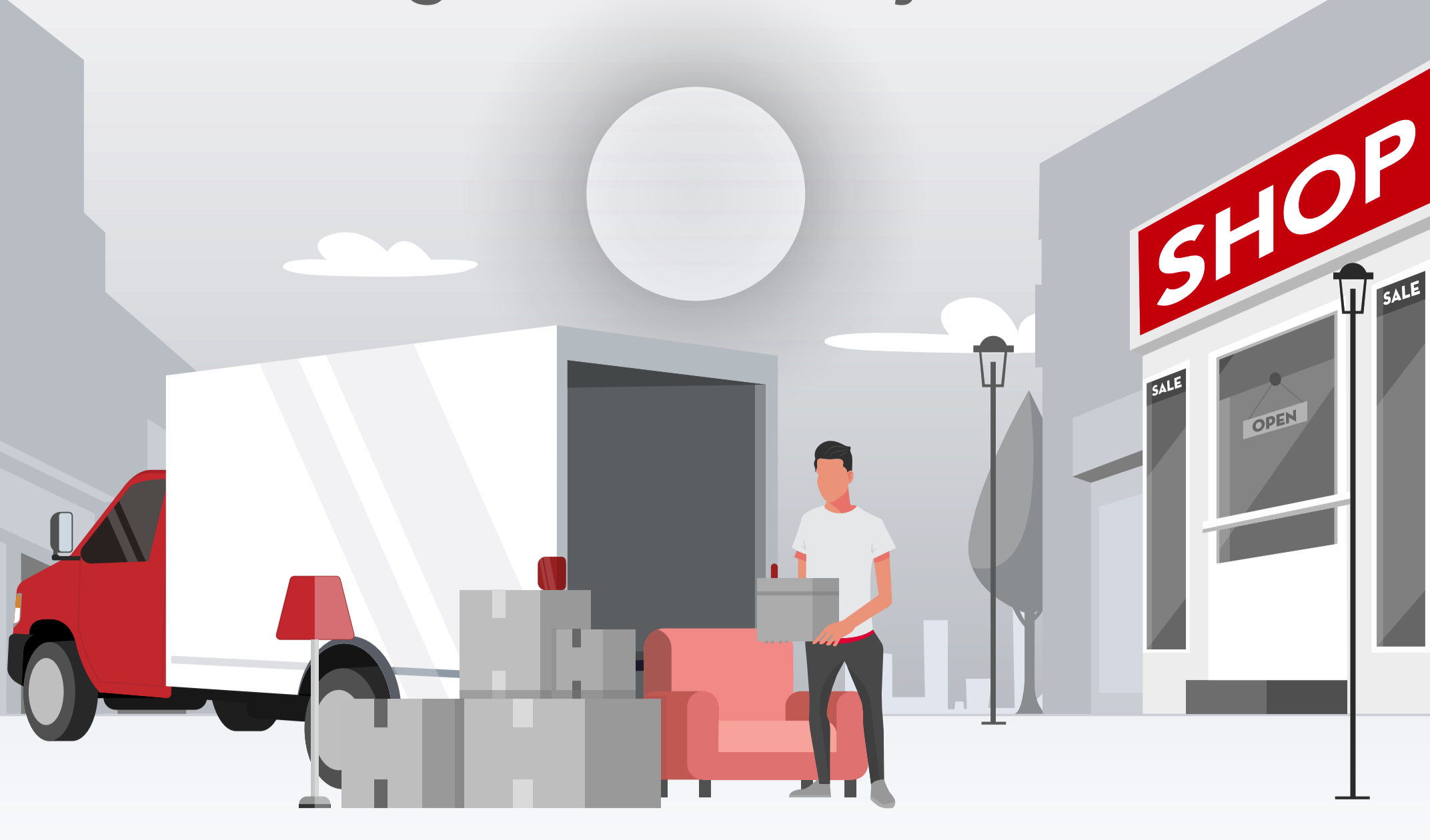


Simplifying a Solo Move

Moving to a New City Alone



Make a Plan

Moving to a new city alone is no easy feat. Take time to:



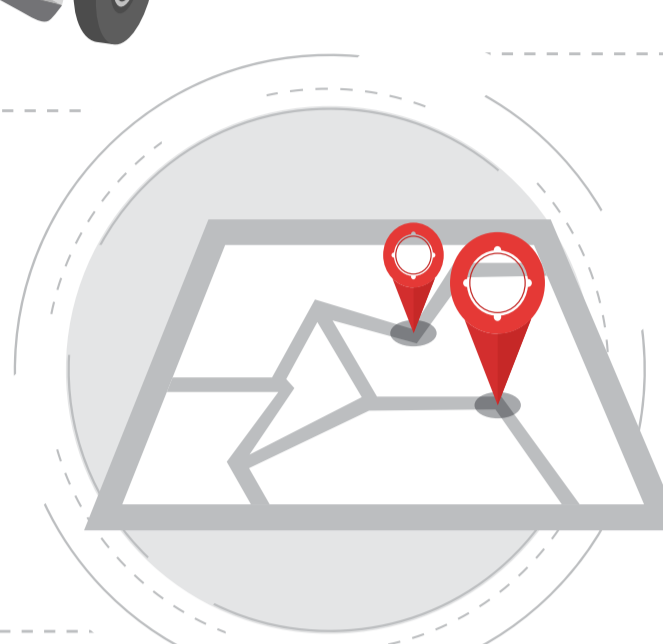
MAKE A TO-DO LIST:

Write down everything you need to accomplish before moving. **Don't forget to:**

- Cancel your utilities
- Stockpile moving boxes
- Service your vehicle if a long drive is ahead
- Submit a forwarding address to the post office

Tap into Your Sense of Adventure:

Get excited for your journey! Seeing it as an adventure makes it easier to adapt to the major changes ahead.



Plan Your Route: Whether you're driving or flying to your new home, map out how you're going to get there. Book your tickets in advance if you're taking a plane or train, or note possible side trips & interesting stops if you're driving. Have the names and addresses of hotels you'll stay at.

Get in Gear

Prior to the packing process, don't forget to factor in timing, neighborhoods, and what you want to bring when moving to a new city.

TIME YOUR MOVE

Although it's not always feasible, try to avoid moving over the summer, which is the busiest season for moving. Not only will you likely have less competition when house hunting, moving company rates are likely to be lower during off-season months.



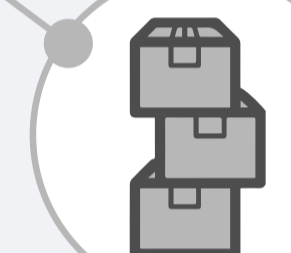
SCOPE THINGS OUT

Prior to the move, use websites like Reddit and Airbnb to research neighborhoods, best places to meet people, transit options, and the overall safety of your new city.



EVALUATE YOUR STUFF

Packing for a move is the perfect time to consider downsizing the number of belongings you own. If you haven't worn it or used it in the last year, consider selling or donating it prior to packing things up.

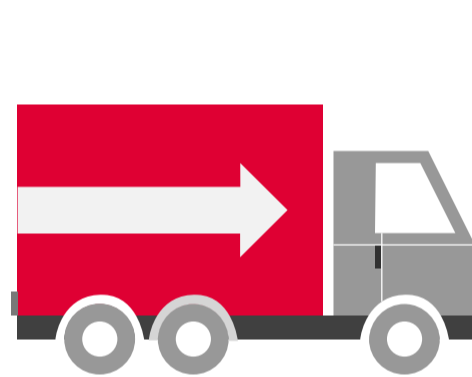


Pack Like a Pro

Here's a shocking new city moving statistic for you:



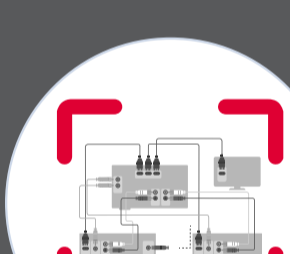
Most people use **25 to 90** boxes during a single move.



SIMPLIFY WHAT YOU'RE BRINGING



Wrap breakables in clean clothing instead of bubble wrap.



Take pictures of electronics for easy reassembly. Americans own an average of 24 electronics — that's a lot of wires!

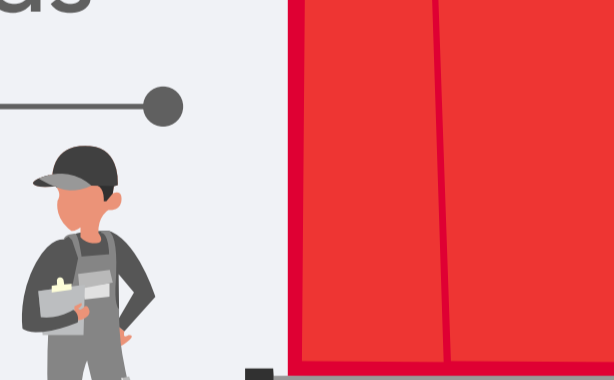


Label and color-code boxes. The average American wastes 55 minutes every day looking for things.

Get Some Helping Hands



You may be moving to a new city alone, but that doesn't mean you have to do it on your own. Outsource some of the heavy lifting for a less stressful moving experience.

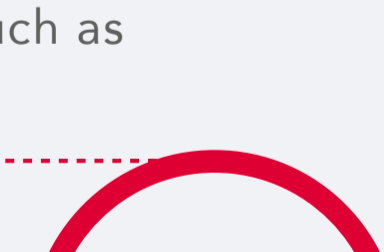


SHIP YOUR STUFF ON AMTRAK:

It's typically less expensive than hiring cross-country movers and a great way to ship bulky items such as blankets and clothing.

GET SOME HELP:

Ask your new neighbors for help hauling your big boxes in, or look online to find local services to help you do the heavy lifting.

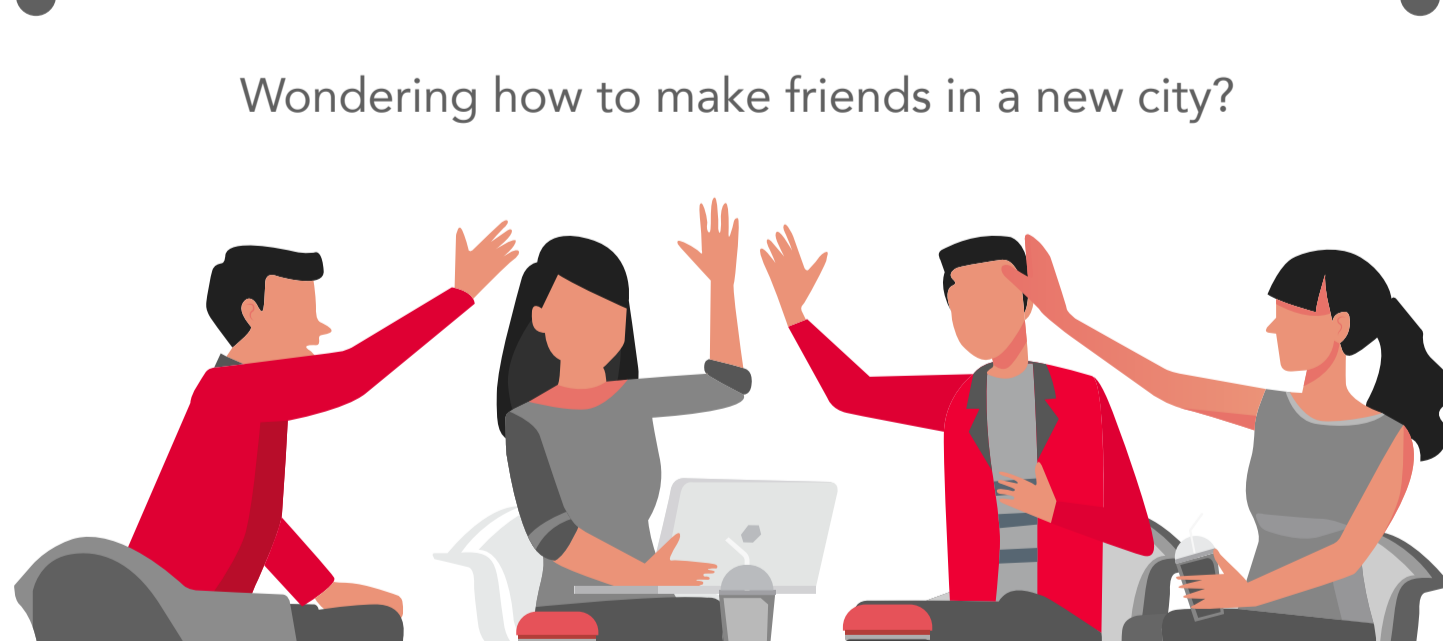


CONSIDER FURNITURE RENTAL:

CORT provides modern furniture rentals, making the moving process easy and convenient. Not only does CORT deliver the furniture to your door, you can schedule a hassle-free pickup when you're ready for your next move.

Be Open to Meeting New People

Wondering how to make friends in a new city?



TRY THESE TIPS:



Get out and explore. Visiting coffee shops, parks, shopping areas, or volunteering at local charities are all great ways to meet new people.



Try to connect with coworkers, who may become close friends or introduce you to more people in the area. You never know who you'll meet during your next lunch break.



Check out online resources like Meetup, which connects like-minded people to spark lasting friendships.



Be a friendly neighbor and put some effort into getting to know the people around you. Host a cookie. Or help them carry their groceries in for an easy introduction.

Moving to a new city alone comes with a mixture of emotions, stress levels, and time constraints. Let **CORT** simplify solo travel by providing furniture when you need it.

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