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1. Valuable Items: Literal and Sentimental

Anything you own that is near and dear to you, please hand carry it to your next duty station. Also, anything that is high value and irreplaceable, please hand carry. Moving companies will have you list any high value items on your checksheet, but if you don't want to risk it being lost or damaged, do yourself a favor and pack it in your car. For example, we hand carry my husband's challenge coin collection not because it's high value, but because those coins hold significance to him and many of them can't be replaced. I also hand carry my nicer jewelry.

2. Medical Records

This is a personal preference, but we hand carry all our own medical records. We also have our doctor offices transfer everything electronically to the next clinic, but I always request hard copies of every medical, dental, vision, etc. record for each family member. I have a portable filing box for all these items, so everything stays in their respective folders, but don't get damaged or mixed together.

3. Legal Documents

If you don't already have all these documents in a binder, go ahead and do that now! A good zipper closure binder works great so no papers can slip out. Our binder holds birth certificates, social security cards, wills, power of attorneys, estate planning documents, passports, orders, marriage certificate, etc. Any and all legal documents must be hand carried.

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4. Home Items

This depends on what your immediate plans are when you arrive at your new duty station. If you will be temporarily in a hotel you won't necessarily need any home items right away. But if you plan to stay in your new home at your new duty station before the moving truck arrives, you will need some basic home items right away. For us, this looks like: air mattresses, bedding, towels, toiletries, plastic shower curtain and rings, basic kitchen necessities (1 pot, 1 pan, 1 knife, 1 wooden spoon, coffee pot, etc), small toolkit, camping chairs.

5. Clothing

This seems obvious, but don't forget to pack your suitcases before loading the rest of your closet into boxes!

6. Kid Items

If you have small children, don't forget about what they'll need right away at your new location and also during travel. This includes pack n plays, high chair options, small comfort toys, blankets, diapers, etc. If you have big kids you can allow them to grab 2-3 favorite toys or items. This could be books, tablets, scooters, etc. It kind of depends on how much space you have in your vehicles/suitcases.

7. Pet Items

If you have a pet, don't forget all their things, too! Be sure to have their crates, food, vet records, etc.

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8. Medication

Don't forget to hand carry all medications and prescriptions. This includes yourself, your spouse, kids, and pets. This also may involve having a cooler and cool packs. Be sure to set all this aside before packing up your HHG (household goods) boxes.

9. Personal Electronics

This includes laptops, tablets, phones, and ALL CHARGERS AND POWER CORDS! You may also consider hand carrying your camera, drone, gopro, etc.

10. Guns and Weapons

Moving companies cannot move guns, weapons, and ammo. You will have to hand carry all these items.

11. CAR KEYS

Please don't leave your car keys on the hook by the door. The packers might accidentally toss them into a box and then you'll be un-taping boxes the night before the truck comes. Of course we wouldn't know about this personally ;)