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How to Make Unpacking Easier by [John Cherry](#)

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Moving day has come and gone, the movers have unloaded all of your boxes and placed them into their correct rooms. You are now sitting in your bare living room staring around at the unpacked boxes and wondering where to start. The best way to make unpacking easier after you have moved is to have a plan. Just as you made a plan to prepare you for the actual move, an unpacking plan can help you settle into your new home.

First, make sure everything made it off of the movers moving truck. You should have numbered your boxes as you packed them so you could check them off as they were moved in. If you are missing anything, make sure you contact them right away so they can deliver it to you within a reasonable amount of time.

The best times to begin unpacking are on your day off or on the weekend. This is because you don't have to worry about getting started unpacking only to have to stop to go to work. In addition, on the weekends especially, you can enlist the help of your family members and friends, since they usually will not have to work either. The extra help will get the task of unpacking out of the way much more quickly.

Unpack one room at a time. The two rooms that get the most use and should be unpacked first are the kitchen and the main bathroom. The kitchen is the most popular room to unpack first because people feel more settled when they are making food in their home instead of dining out or ordering in. Get out the appliances you need right away, like the microwave, coffee maker and toaster, and move on to the dishes and pots and pans. Go to the grocery store and stock your pantry and your refrigerator so you can start to eat at home.

A lot of the items in the bathroom probably were unpacked on the first day, because you need toilet paper, a shower curtain, your toiletries and towels. Because of this, unpacking your bathroom should not take too much time. Finish unpacking the items that go into the medicine cabinet, extra toilet paper and other items necessary for grooming and cleaning.

From this point, move on to your bedrooms. Your bed is probably already set up, but you can go ahead and hang curtains, unpack clothing and extra linens and get your night stand set up the way you like it. Don't forget to unpack your alarm clock so you won't be late for work the next day!

The last room to unpack is your living room. Hook up all your electronics, unpack your books and DVDs and sit back on your couch and admire your handiwork. Aim to have everything unpacked within a week, but feel free to adjust your schedule if you need more time. There is really no deadline to have everything unpacked the way there was to have everything packed; however, you will feel much better when all the boxes are finally empty.

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