

1 Determine how much you can spend on your move.

Will you make extra money from your current home or belongings? Fill out the worksheet below to find the total of your moving-related profits.

MOVING INCOME	Estimated Profit
Sale of a spare car	\$
Sale of extra furniture or belongings	\$
Profits from the sale of your home (not used for new home)	\$
Payout from employer for extra vacation time	\$
Additional profits	\$
TOTAL	\$

Once you've determined if you'll make money to spend on your move, total the rest of your moving resources.

MOVING INCOME	Estimated Profit
Funds from savings account	\$
Funds from checking account	\$
Relocation allowance from employer	\$
Funds from credit card	\$
Total from Moving Income Worksheet (above)	\$
Additional money	\$
TOTAL	\$

2 Determine the fixed, non-negotiable costs of leaving your old home and moving into a new one.

FIXED MOVING COSTS	Estimated Cost	
Current Home	Lease termination	\$
	Cleaning and repairs	\$
	Final utility bills	\$
New Home	Utility deposits	\$
	Apartment rental fee	\$
	Damage or pet deposits	\$
	Property taxes	\$
	Parking fees	\$
	Additional costs	\$
TOTAL	\$	

3 Based on your budget, hire a mover or rent a relocation truck.

Get estimates from at least three moving companies. Be sure each estimate includes fees for extra services, like piano moving or professional packing, and taxes or surcharges.

COMPANY NAME	Phone Number	Estimated Cost
Estimate 1		\$
Estimate 2		\$
Estimate 3		\$

Research prices for at least three truck rental companies, including any accessories you might rent, such as tow dollies or car carriers.

Ask each company about their truck's fuel economy, then go to AAA's fuel estimator (www.fuelestimator.com) to figure out how much you'll spend on gas.

COMPANY NAME	Rental Cost	Fuel Costs	Extra Equip.	TOTAL
Estimate 1	\$	\$	\$	\$
Estimate 2	\$	\$	\$	\$
Estimate 3	\$	\$	\$	\$

Chosen company and total cost: \$

4 Investigate different types of transportation for your family and pets.

Choose the one best suited to your needs and budget, and be sure to include costs like toll fees or travel entertainment in your total.

Mode of Transportation	Type of Expense	Estimated Cost
Car Travel	Fuel	\$
	Lodging	\$
	Meals	\$
	Pet transportation and/or lodging	\$
	Additional expenses	\$
TOTAL CAR COSTS		\$
Air Travel	Airline tickets	\$
	Pet transportation and/or lodging	\$
	Car shipping	\$
	Meals	\$
	Lodging	\$
	Additional expenses	\$
TOTAL AIR COSTS		\$
Bus or Train Travel	Bus or train tickets	\$
	Pet transportation and/or lodging	\$
	Car shipping	\$
	Meals	\$
	Lodging	\$
	Additional expenses	\$
TOTAL BUS OR TRAIN COSTS		\$

5 Determine storage and packing expenses.

Compare several storage facilities if you will be renting a storage unit. Pay attention to each one's security level, cleanliness and accessibility. Also investigate mobile storage units.

STORAGE COMPANY	Rental Cost	Comments:
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
Chosen company and total cost:		\$

Figure out how many boxes you'll need and how much they'll cost. Looking for a low-cost option? You can buy recycled boxes or scavenge containers from local businesses.

PACKING SUPPLIES	Estimated Cost
Moving boxes	\$
Furniture and mattress pads	\$
Packing materials (newspaper, bubble wrap, tape, markers)	\$
TOTAL	\$

6 Calculate your first month of living expenses.

It could be up to a month before you receive your first paycheck after you move. Calculate how much money you'll need for living expenses during this lapse in pay.

LIVING EXPENSES	Estimated Cost
Food	\$
Cleaning supplies	\$
Rent or mortgage payment	\$
Transportation	\$
Vehicle registration or license transfer	\$
Clothing or uniforms	\$
Additional costs	\$
TOTAL	\$

7 Finalize your budget.

MOVING COSTS SUMMARY	
Total Moving Budget	\$
1. Fixed Moving Cost Total	\$
2. Moving Company Total	\$
3. Travel Expenses Total	\$
4. Storage Total	\$
5. Packing Materials Total	\$
6. Living Expenses Total	\$
Moving Costs Subtotal	\$
Incidental expenses (multiply Subtotal by 5 percent)	\$
MOVING COSTS TOTAL	\$