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Move It Now’s extensive check list to help plan and make your move simpler and easier.
# Packing & Moving Checklist

## 4 to 6 Weeks Before
- Get your FREE moving quote from Move It Now.
- Confirm quote/schedule time with Move It Now to begin outlining details.
- Clean out storage areas for items to move or dispose of.
- Consider a garage sale or donating unwanted items.
- Purchase packing boxes and supplies - Move It Now has a selection of supplies available.
- Notify financial institutions, insurance companies, clubs/organizations, magazines of your address change.
- Complete Postal Service change of address form and get change of address cards.
- Start using up items that won’t keep - frozen/refrigerated foods, produce, etc.

## 2 to 4 Weeks Before
- Set aside items you’ll be using during the month prior to the move.
- Schedule time for Move It Now’s Packing Service, if applicable.
- Start packing using the right size boxes. Target weight should about 25-35 lbs or less. Fill boxes to capacity avoiding over/under filling boxes.
- Label content of boxes as you pack. Mark as fragile when needed. Write (or use color stickers) to indicate room destination.
- Collect important documents such as insurance, wills, deeds, stocks, tax/financial records and move valuables to safe deposit box to prevent loss during the move.
- Gather crucial account information (account numbers, customer service numbers, etc.) of companies you’ll need to notify of your move.
- Schedule utilities disconnect and connect times.
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  - Water
  - Electric
  - Phone
  - Internet
  - TV/Cable
  - Trash
  - Other_______________________
- Notify Service Companies.
  - Bank/Credit Union
  - Newspaper
  - Other________
- Make arrangements for relocation of pets and plants.
- Make necessary travel arrangements for family.

## Moving to a New City/New State
- Arrange for school, medical, dental, legal, veterinary records to be transferred.
- Obtain necessary automobile licensing/registration information.
- Contact Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Bureau for new resident information packet.

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The Last Week

☐ Mail change of address forms.
☐ Clean and disconnect major appliances. Allow a few days for defrosting and drying.
☐ Fuel tanks of gasoline powered tools should be emptied. (Exception: Riding lawn mowers should be drained to about 1/8").
☐ Detach propane tanks from grills, campers, etc.
☐ Ensure any vehicles to be transported have only a half tank of gas or less.
☐ Dismantle items that attach to walls, floors, or ceilings.
☐ Pack the necessary clothes, toiletries, and bedding for each person for your arrival to your new location.
☐ Make plans for the care of young children on moving day.
☐ Fill any prescriptions or medications.

PRO TIP
☐ Pack a box of items you will need soon after your arrival. Keep with you or have Move It Now put it on the truck last.

☐ Group boxes/items that should be placed on the truck together.
☐ Group boxes/items that you are taking directly with you and clearly mark them "Do Not Move".

The Day Before

☐ Get a sufficient amount of cash to allow for the unexpected.
☐ Double check everything is in order for moving day.
☐ Say goodbye to neighbors and friends.

Moving Day

☐ Have beds stripped and ready to be packed.
☐ Make note of utility meter readings (gas, electric, water).
☐ Plan on spending all day with Move It Now. Stay until finished.
☐ Communicate with your friendly Move It Now driver any special instructions, directions, and contact info of where you can be reached prior to delivery.

RELAX! With your excellent planning combined with Move It Now - Your moving day is going to be simply great.

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**SAVE TIME! SAVE THE EFFORT!**

*Move It Now Packing Service* - Not everyone wants to, has the time to, or is able to pack up all of their belongings. We can pack up a few boxes or everything in your entire residence!

Start packing several weeks in advance – by starting early, you won’t become overwhelmed as moving day approaches.

Begin by packing items you will not use or need prior to your move.

**PRO TIP**
Pack a box of essential items – change of clothes, toiletries, and bedding for each person for your arrival to your new location. Keep with you or have *Move It Now* put it on the truck last.

**PRO TIP**
Use the right size box when packing. A good rule of thumb is to have a target weight of 35 lbs or less. Fill boxes to capacity avoiding over/under filling boxes. *Move It Now* has a selection of moving boxes and supplies available.

**PRO TIP**
Make sure to use packing tape rather than duct tape, which may not stick well to corrugated cardboard. Packing tape should be used to secure the top and bottom of the box rather than interlocking the edges of the box together. **All boxes must have flat tops so they can be stacked in the truck.**

Take valuables, important legal documents and family medical records with you personally so they won’t be misplaced.

**PRO TIP**
To prevent small items such as knick-knacks from becoming lost or thrown out with the packing paper, wrap them in colored tissue paper before placing them in the box.

Pack items from each room separately in boxes rather than mixing rooms.

**PRO TIP**
Label all boxes or color code them by room and write what contents are in them on their sides and top.

To avoid breakage of valuable items when packing, pack them over a padded area.

**PRO TIP**
Dishes should always be packed on edge. Do not stack flat. Each dish should be packed in clean non-ink paper or bubble wrap. Wrap cups and glasses in paper and cushion with dish towels or paper within the packing cartons.

Lamp-shades should not be packed with newspaper, as the ink can permanently stain them.

**PRO TIP**
When disassembling furniture, large tables, or dresser mirrors, place hardware in plastic bags and tape to the underside of the furniture or place in a drawer.

*The law requires that moving companies do not transport hazardous materials* such as gasoline, ammunition and explosives, cleaning fluids and detergents, toxic materials, bottled gases and other flammables, and perishable items.

If *Move It Now* is packing your goods, we will make an inventory list of your goods if the move involves crossing state lines or storage is needed. Other moves are not normally inventoried, but if you specifically request it, we will be happy to inventory your shipment.

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### What We Shouldn’t Move

*Move It Now makes every effort to make your move easier for you, unfortunately there are some items we can’t transport or are better left in your care.*

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Moving Appliances

Understanding the proper way to get your appliances set and ready to move.
Moving Your Appliances

Move It Now will do all of the heavy work, the actual transporting of your appliances from your home into the moving truck, and then safely into your new residence.

However, the servicing of major appliances is an important activity for you to take care of before Move It Now can physically move your appliances.

Servicing Your Appliances

“Servicing” means preparing appliances so they will safely withstand handling during transit or while in storage. This process can include bracing a washer tub, disconnecting an ice maker, capping off a gas line, and special handling of satellite dish components.

Move It Now will provide:

- Carefully, efficient handling of appliances during a move. Every effort is made to ensure that appliances reach destination safely.

Move It Now will not:

- Disconnect appliances (ice maker, washer, dryer, etc.) or reconnect them in the new residence.
- Disconnect utilities.
- Repair appliances.
- Remove or install window air conditioners or television/audio antennas.
- Perform wiring, plumbing, electrical, or carpentry services.

Servicing Prior to the Move

The owner assumes responsibility for having appliances properly serviced, both at origin and destination. It is best to have a reputable service representative prepare appliances for moving at least one day before they are to be loaded onto the moving truck.

Gas Company Service

Arrangements must be with a gas company service representative to disconnect gas lines and secure caps to pipe ends.

Appliance Preparation

Thorough cleaning and drying of appliances, particularly the refrigerator, freezer and range, are necessary. This is especially important if they will be in storage for any length of time.

Cleaning instructions are included in the owner’s manual which accompanies most new appliances. If no instructions are available, use a mild detergent solution or use a solution of three quarts of warm water to which one tablespoon of vinegar has been added. Do not use harsh abrasives that will scratch or mark finishes. A soft cloth or vacuum cleaner will remove excess dust.

Servicing Arrangement

Move It Now can arrange the servicing required for any/all appliances. This is an additional service which will be added to the invoice as an additional cost.
Refrigerator

Note: If your owner’s manual provides cleaning and servicing directions, please follow them.

Cleaning:
Use a cloth and mild detergent to wipe off the exterior finish.

Before cleaning the interior, dispose of perishables and unplug the power cord.

Wash removable parts such as shelves and drawers with a mild detergent or in a solution of warm water and baking soda. Ice trays and ice storage bins should be washed in lukewarm water only.

Wash the interior walls and any non-removable parts with a mild detergent or baking soda solution.

Leave the door open for at least 24 hours. Allowing all moisture to evaporate. If your refrigerator is not a frost-free model, allow extra time to complete defrosting and drying.

Secure all plastic parts. Removable shelves should be cleaned, and carefully packed in a moving box for protection during transit.

Double check any compartments; be sure the appliance is totally empty and clean. A refrigerator which is not cleaned before transit can develop an unpleasant, permanent odor; making the appliance unusable at destination.

After cleaning, place an odor and mildew preventative in your refrigerator.

At the bottom of the refrigerator, remove the base covering and vacuum the condenser or compressor.

Empty and clean the evaporator pan; allow time for it to dry.

Servicing:
Turn off the water and disconnect the water line if you have a cold water dispenser or automatic ice maker. You should also empty the water reservoir.

If your refrigerator is an older model, you may need to have the motor or compressor bolted down. The majority of refrigerators now are sealed units that do not require this service.

At destination, do not operate the refrigerator for at least 24 hours after delivery. This allows the oil time to settle, preventing possible damage to the compressor.

Ice makers and water dispensers must be connected to a water line. Installation service or parts can be obtained from an authorized dealer for your appliance. Copper tubing, a shut-off valve and fittings may be required. Once your ice maker is in service, dispose of the first few batches of ice because of possible impurities from opening a water line.

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**Freezer**

Note: If your owner’s manual provides cleaning and servicing directions, please follow them.

As part of Move It Now’s policy, we don’t transport frozen foods which helps to safeguard you and your family’s health. Ideally, freezers should be empty during a move for the following reasons:

- Home freezers were not designed to be used as shipping containers.
- The weight of food during the move can crack plastic shelves or the molding inside the freezer.
- Frozen foods are highly perishable. There is no way to ensure that the freezer temperature will remain at a safe level during transit.

**Cleaning:**

Use a cloth and mild detergent to wipe off the exterior finish.

Before cleaning the interior, dispose of perishables and unplug the power cord.

Wash removable parts such as shelves and drawers with a mild detergent or in a solution of warm water and baking soda. Ice trays and ice storage bins should be washed in lukewarm water only.

Wash the interior walls and any non-removable parts with a mild detergent or baking soda solution.

Leave the door open for at least 24 hours. Allowing all moisture to evaporate. If your freezer is not a frost-free model, allow extra time to complete defrosting and drying.

Secure all plastic parts. Removable shelves should be cleaned, and carefully packed in a moving box for protection during transit.

Double check any compartments; be sure the appliance is totally empty and clean. A freezer which is not cleaned before transit can develop an unpleasant, permanent odor; making the appliance unusable at destination.

After cleaning, place an odor and mildew preventative in your freezer.

At the bottom of the freezer, remove the base covering and vacuum the condenser or compressor.

**Servicing:**

Remove perishable items. Disconnect from power source and allow ample time for defrosting and drying.

If your freezer is an older model, you may need to have the motor or compressor bolted down. Most new models now are sealed units that do not require this service.

At destination, do not operate the freezer for at least 24-hours after delivery. This allows the oil time to settle, preventing possible damage to the compressor.

**Servicing Arrangement**

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Note: If your owner’s manual provides cleaning and servicing directions, please follow them.

Oven Range

Cleaning:
Wipe off the outer surface of the range with a mild detergent.

Detach and wash in hot soapy water any removable parts such as knobs, drip pans, grates, broiler pan and oven racks.

Plug-in coils for an electric range should not be immersed in water; spills on these units normally burn away as heated.

If your range top can be raised, clean the area underneath with hot soapy water.
Clean all removable items after final use. Wrap and pack in a moving box or the storage compartment on the range.

Clean the oven. Before using any cleaning sprays/chemicals inside your oven, determine if it is self-cleaning. Be sure to follow guidelines listed in your owner’s manual, or call the appliance manufacturer for information on our specific model.

Servicing:
Gas Range: Gas Range Ovens should be disconnected and the gas line capped off before moving day by a qualified service technician. At destination, you will need a qualified gas installer to check your gas supply, connect the range to the gas line, seal any openings, light the pilot and handle any other hook-up procedures.

Electric Range: Generally no servicing at origin is required. However when you reach destination, have your power supply checked for the current electrical requirements. Certain ranges, such as those with air-ventilated grills, vary on the voltage they require.

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**Dishwasher**

*Note: If your owner’s manual provides cleaning and servicing directions, please follow them.*

**Cleaning:**
Wipe off the control panel with a dampened cloth.

An appliance polishing wax can be lightly applied to the cabinet finish.

The interior normally does not need cleaning unless you see a buildup of food or soap.

Leave the door open for several hours to ensure that the appliance is thoroughly dry.

**Servicing:**
Shut off the electric and water supplies.

Disconnect and drain the water inlet line and water valve.

Sponge any remaining water from the bottom of the dishwasher (if applicable, removing any pump cover inside the appliance and wiping dry).

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Washing Machine

Note: If your owner’s manual provides cleaning and servicing directions, please follow them.

Cleaning:
Use a soft cloth and appliance cleaner to wipe off the exterior.

On the inside, clean lint filter and tub with a soft dry cloth.

Leave the lid open for 24 to 48 hours to allow any moisture to evaporate.

Servicing:
Turn off water faucets, disconnect and drain hoses.

Wrap the metal connector ends of hoses in a towel and place inside the washer.

To ensure the safe transport of your washer, it should be serviced to prevent swaying of the tub.

Servicing Arrangement
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Clothes Dryer

Note: If your owner’s manual provides cleaning and servicing directions, please follow them.

**Cleaning:**
Unplug the dryer or turn off the electrical power to the appliance.

Remove any debris from the lint screen with your fingers or a dry paper towel. Do not use water on the screen.

Wipe off the exterior with an appliance cleaner and soft damp cloth.

Remove dust from the interior with a damp sponge.

**Servicing:**
Disconnect the electrical supply to the appliance.

**Gas Dryer:** Gas dryers should be disconnected and the gas line capped off before moving day by a qualified service technician. At destination, use a qualified installer who is familiar with requirements for a gas dryer as well as the exhaust system.

**Electric Dryer:** Generally no servicing at origin is required. However when you reach destination, have your power supply checked for the current electrical requirement required.

**Servicing Arrangement**
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Moving Computer Equipment, Antiques, & Plants

Important things to know and understand to help make your move simpler and easier.
Moving Computer Equipment

Your home computer represents an investment, whether you use it to plan your family's budget, file recipes, communicate with your family and friends or simply enjoy games. Naturally, you want to safeguard it from damage. With careful planning and proper packing, your computer can be transported safely when you relocate.

Before the Move:
If you do not have an exact record of the cost of your computer (including any accessories), you may want to obtain a current retail cost of your complete system prior to the move. If you desire full-value replacement cost protection, Move It Now offers optional coverage against loss or damage.

Packing:
Your moving company is best qualified to properly pack your home computer. If you choose to pack it yourself, your computer should be placed in its original carton and packing material when possible.

If you have discarded the original packaging: Choose a sturdy box large enough to allow you to surround the computer with packing material. Crumpled, unprinted newsprint and plastic bubble wrap are the best packing materials. They will serve as a protective cushion and can be purchased from your local moving company.

The central processing unit (CPU) should be handled with extreme care. This unit is especially sensitive to jarring. Again, use a box large enough to accommodate the CPU and plenty of packing material on all sides. These precautionary steps also should be taken when handling an external disk drive.

The disks that contain your programming and stored data should be moved with you. They are sensitive to heat and cold, and warping could occur with extreme temperatures that can build up inside a moving van. As a precaution, you may choose to duplicate important files stored on disks and your computer's hard drive onto backup disks. Place them in a different box or take them with you.

Laser or Ink Jet Printer:
Remove the toner and any ink cartridges, and carry the cartridges with you if your move occurs during hot weather. For other types of printers, the printer head should be secured – preferably with the original cardboard or plastic parts – to prevent it from shifting. Be sure to refer to the owner's manual for preparations specific to your printer model.

Other Computer Components:
The keyboard, monitor, etc place crumpled, unprinted newsprint in the bottom of a box and pack the items as you would other computer components. Also, be sure not to pack any external speakers with the CPU as close proximity can cause your hard drive to be erased.

For additional instructions on packing monitors, please refer to your owner's manual.

At Delivery:
Carefully check and mark off the inventory when your shipment is delivered. Allow the computer to reach room temperature before attempting to use it. If it has been particularly cold, watch for condensation, as moisture also can cause damage.
Moving Antiques
Your antiques are prized and valuable possessions. Naturally, you want to protect them from any possible damage and take extra care to ensure their safe transport. Here are some of the steps you can take to guard fragile items against harm and properly prepare them for moving.

Before the Move:
Any item of extraordinary value should be appraised by a qualified person. Obtaining an appraisal also may be necessary to verify the value of your personal property for the transfer of your homeowner’s insurance policy.

Finding an appraiser: a recommendation from an insurance agent, attorney, or bank official. Internet search or phone directory under “appraisers.” You can request the Directory of Certified Professional Personal Property Appraisers, which is a state-by-state referral list.

In addition to obtaining an appraisal, make sure you have an inventory list with photographs or video of your antiques. At the time of the moving cost estimate, be sure to let us know which are the fragile/high-value items such as grandfather clocks, silver/china sets, so arrangements for crating or special packing can be made.

Protection Plans
Move It Now takes pride in moving your items without damage, but occasionally accidents can happen. That’s why we offer limited liability insurance FREE with every move.

Items of “Extraordinary Value”:
For items worth more than $100 per pound, we may need you to complete our High-Value Inventory Form and document any signatures, serial numbers, or manufacture marks. In addition, you may want to consider purchasing additional protection coverage.

Cleaning:
Before your belongings are packed, any special cleaning should be performed. If you are uncertain about the care of a particular antique piece, a local historical society or antique dealer should have helpful hints.

Moving Day
It is very important that you or an appointed representative be present on packing and moving days to identify items needing special handling and to answer any questions Move It Now might have. Most large, heavy pieces of furniture will be wrapped in thick pads and firmly secured inside the moving truck to avoid shifting while in transit.

Upon Delivery
When you reach your destination, carefully check the inventory of your household goods and antiques before signing for receipt. Any servicing or reassembly that was arranged by Move It Now will be performed.

Servicing Arrangement
Move It Now can arrange the servicing required for specialty items. This is an additional service which will be added to the invoice as an additional cost.
Moving Houseplants

Sometimes one of the toughest decisions to make when you are moving is what to do with your houseplants. You must realize it’s possible that not all houseplants will withstand a move in spite of every precaution. We recommend that whenever possible you:

- Give your houseplants to local friends or family member.
- Donate them to a local hospital, nursing home, local business, library, etc.
- Sell them in your pre-move garage sale, if applicable.

If you decide to keep your houseplants, just like your other items to be moved, a little bit of pre-planning will help ensure moving is less stressful for you and the plants.

- Decide whether to take every plant, only your favorites, or just a cutting to start new plants in your new home.
- Trim back any dead leaves and if possible trim back any parts of the houseplants that may become easily broken or tangled with other items.
- Research and make any arrangements for state inspection.
- Research to determine when to start preparing the plants for move and if there are any specific steps needed.
- As part of Move It Now’s policy we generally prefer that houseplants are moved by you, but understand that sometimes that isn’t feasible. Talk with the your friendly Move It Now movers so we can determine how to get them to your new home safely.

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Moving With Children & Pets

Things to know to help ease the anxiety and/or excitement for children and pets before and during your move.
Moving With Children

A move to a new home can be an exciting experience for children, if you employ careful planning from start to finish. Planning begins with informing them of the upcoming move and includes organizing the details of relocating, as well as getting acquainted with your new community.

The Positive Approach:

When your family is planning to relocate, your reaction to the upcoming changes is most important. Children normally reflect their parents' attitudes. Accentuate the positive. A positive parental attitude will go a long way toward soothing fears and creating an atmosphere of anticipation for the children.

Prepare them in advance for the move. Tell them immediately about the move. Give them time to adjust to the idea. Answer all questions. Explain the reasons for the move as explicitly as necessary, depending on the child's age. An honest question-and-answer session will give you an idea of the specific concerns your children have about the move. This will give you the chance to resolve their fears and let them know you are interested in their opinions and feelings.

Permit children to participate. This will give them a sense of responsibility and self-worth.

Choosing Move It Now:

Our expert experience in moving families will minimize your responsibilities by allowing you more time to devote to your children and helping them understand the move.

With these steps, you can ease the insecure feelings some children experience when removed from familiar surroundings.

It is difficult to break strong ties to the old home, neighborhood, school and close friends. But remember, moving can be a great personal growth opportunity for all family members, including children. Take advantage of the situation and make it a truly exciting experience for everyone.

Take-Along Suggestions:

For infant and toddlers:

- Dress in suitable clothing and pack an extra outfit.
- Pack extra items into the diaper/utility bag than normal. Including but not limited to: disposable diapers, powder, lotion, wipes, nurseries with plastic throwaway liners, nipples, baby food/formula, fruit juice, water, snacks, etc.
- Blankets.
- Security items (toys, stuffed plush, blanket, pacifiers, etc.)
- Safety-approved infant car seat.
- First-aid kit (Discuss with your doctor/pediatrician any medications you should have on hand.)
- Stroller.
- Child's portable car toilet.

For Elementary to Pre-Teen:

Children in their elementary and pre-teen years are easier to keep content during a long trip. Provide them with a few travel games, coloring books, comics, or other books of interest.

Teenagers:

Teenagers probably will have their own ideas of travel entertainment, but might enjoy favorite books or travel games.

PRO TIP

Make sure you have car chargers for electronic movies and gaming devices, along with an extra set of headphones.
Moving Pets
Careful pre-planning will minimize and help avoid relocation problems.

State Laws and Regulations: Almost every state has laws applicable to the entry of pets. Contact the state veterinarian of your new home state to learn the laws. You should also contact the city clerk or town hall in your destination city to learn about license fees and regulations for your pet.

Vet Visit: Many states require a health certificate listing of all inoculations and verifying that your pet is free from infectious disease. Ask your vet for the certificate and keep it handy when traveling.

To find a vet in your new state, ask your current vet for a recommendation, call the AAHA or visit www.healthypet.com.

Pet Identification: In addition to permanent identity and rabies tags, make an ID tag with your pet’s name, your name, destination address, and an emergency name, address and telephone number, in case you cannot be reached.

Familiar Surroundings: Once moved into your new home, use your pet’s familiar food and water dishes, bed, blanket, and toys to make him/her feel “at home.”

Moving Your Pet by Airplane
Contact airlines for rules and regulations, transportation charges and pet insurance. You will be responsible for a shipping container/carrier to transport your pet.

Make your reservations well in advance, because pet approval is granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Feed your pet no less than five or six hours before flight time, and give him/her a drink of water about two hours before take-off.

Moving Your Pet by Auto
Plan ahead and purchase carriers, supplies and first-aid kits. Start a list of items you’ll need for a pet travel kit including collapsible dishes, favorite toys, your pet’s regular food and a few treats.

If your pet is not used to car travel, start taking him/her on short trips to get accustomed to car motion. If necessary, ask your veterinarian about tranquilizers to relax your pet.

Do not feed or water your pet just before starting. A few treats during the day will keep him/her satisfied. Plan regular stops to give your pet a drink or a short run. Take a container of fresh water with you because a sudden change in drinking water may cause a temporary upset stomach.

Moving With a Dog
After moving into a new house, immediately walk your dog around the neighborhood so that he/she becomes familiar with the new area.

Maintain the feeding and walking schedule from your original residence.

Immediately establish boundaries in your neighborhood or yard for your dog to roam.

Moving With A Cat
Do not let your cat outside until he/she is familiar with the new living environment to reduce the risk of running away.

Constantly surround your cat with familiar items during the move to reduce the emotional effects on your cat.

Do not expose your cat to your new living arrangements all at once. Limit the number of rooms the cat is allowed in and gradually let your cat explore.
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