



## *Keeping Holiday Cheer During a Move*

The holiday season is usually a time full of family, friends, fun and festivity. It doesn't usually include a home full of packing boxes and empty cupboards. However, when it comes to corporate relocations, you don't always have a choice about when to move...

If you're stuck relocating during the holiday season there are several things that you can do to make the holiday move less stressful and more festive for you and your family.

-  **Pack some holiday spirit.** Pick a few special holiday decorations to take with you. These items will help remind you of home.
-  **Keep in contact.** Make sure that those people who are important to you know where you're going to be and how to contact you throughout the moving process. Family dinners, opening of presents, movie nights etc. can be shared on Skype or other video calling platforms.
-  **Shop online.** When shopping online select to have your gifts delivered directly to your hotel, temporary accommodation, rental property or wherever you'll be staying. There is no need to take up luggage space with items that can be delivered directly to your final destination!
-  **Gift wrap? Yes please!** Take advantage of the gift wrapping option when shopping online. You don't want to be stuck searching for scissors, tape and tags when all your things are on a moving truck!
-  **Explore your new community.** During the holiday season most cities host special events, parades, light and holiday shows that make for great family activities. Take advantage of these festive activities and explore your new home!
-  **Keep your spirits merry and bright.** Remember to keep the spirit of the holidays with you, no matter where you're celebrating. Don't let moving damper your spirit. A little holiday music, your favourite holiday treat, or your favourite holiday movie can go a long way!



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