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HOW TO AVOID RELOCATION HEADACHES

- Gather as much information as possible about your new destination from sources such as Canadian Relocation Systems, Chamber of Commerce newcomer packages (if available) or contact a Realtor in your new city through our "Easy Realtor"

<http://www.relocatecanada.com/easyrealtor.html>

For anyone who has faced the daunting task of moving to a new city, any tid-bit of information about where to begin is welcome. Now, newcomers to Calgary, Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver and Victoria needn't look further than the practical guides Relocation 101: Focus on to find the answers to hundreds of important relocation questions.

<http://relocation101.ca/>

- Have your home priced and ready for selling
Check your home thoroughly for all needed repairs before listing it for sale. If you haven't had your home appraised in the last two years, do it before putting the home up for sale. This will show what other comparable home in your neighborhood have sold for recently. House Match is a Canadian Relocation Systems service that will assist you in both selling and buying property.

<http://relocatecanada.com/housematch.html>

- Research what your money can buy in your new city.
Many factors such as differing salary, cost of living, taxes and housing prices affect what the same dollar can buy in different parts of the country. Resources such as CRS/ERI "Cost of Living" and Wage Reports can give you this information.

<http://relocatecanada.com/crseri.html>

- Get a mortgage pre-qualification letter before house-hunting.
While pre-qualifying with a mortgage company doesn't provide final loan approval, it does give you a realistic price guideline and shows sellers that you are a serious and qualified buyer.

<http://relocatecanada.com/easymortgage.html>

- Prepare yourself for your new life in Canada
Every year, Canada welcomes thousands of new residents. Coming to Canada as an immigrant is an exciting opportunity, but also a great challenge. Foreign workers who plan to work in Canada temporarily must have an approved job offer and an employment authorization before they enter the country. Spouses or partners of staff coming into Canada to work will not be covered by

the firm's members' work visa, and must qualify individually for the right to live and work in Canada.

<http://www.relocatecanada.com/canada.html>

- Find the best interim housing between destinations

When you first arrive in your new town, you'll most likely need to have temporary housing arrangements until you can close and move into a new home or Apartment, or find a permanent rental. This may be anywhere from a few days to a few months. If you foresee needing interim housing for less than 30 days, the easiest option is a Hotel, Motel Bed & Breakfast or Furnished Suite.

<http://relocatecanada.com/easyrelocation.html>

- Moving your household and "stuff" safely from point A to point B

Depending on the size of your household and the distance of the move, you may want to consider hiring a moving company. Obviously, doing it yourself can save quite a bit of money; however, the time factor, experience of professional movers and the insurance they provide your contents may make hiring the better choice.

<http://relocatecanada.com/moversquote.php4>

Moving a car to your new home can be complicated and tiring especially if you're moving a long distance. Moving more than one car multiplies the challenge several times over.

<http://www.relocatecanada.com/movingcarquote.html>

- Secure a job for your relocating spouse

By the year 2007, 70% of all households will have two incomes, creating a significant burden when losing one income as a result of relocation. 27% of companies provide spouse employment assistance; if yours is one of them, take advantage of it. If not, try to begin establishing a network before you arrive, contacting any friends or acquaintances in your new city; subscribing to the newspaper; contacting recruiters, placement firms and career counselors. If a job still hasn't been landed by move time, consider volunteering or joining a temporary agency - great full time careers have been started from both.

<http://relocatecanada.com/jobs.html>

- Deal with Concerns schooling for your children.

There are many ways to find out all the information you need to make a wise decision. If you haven't decided on a particular area of town, the various School Boards can give you information on all local schools. Browse our "Schools & Education category in our cities, and our "Private Schools & Colleges".

<http://www.relocatecanada.com/privateschools.html>

- Deal with the emotional effects of a major move on children. They may be resisting the move; may even be angry. Will they adapt well...will they make new friends? Probably the best way to ease the way is to involve the kids in the move. Canadian Relocation Systems have a For Kids & Teens category in each of our cities. Rent or buy videos about your destination to watch as a family.

<http://relocatecanada.com/bookstore/kids.html>

<http://www.relocatecanada.com/move/movingkids.html>

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