



Pack-It-Up Pre-Nup

A 7-Step Guide to Avoid A Moving-In Melee

I Agree to:

1. **Plan Properly** – Whether you decide to pack each other's places together or separately, plan a day to review items that stay and go. Try and make a weekend out of it and reward yourself with some fun food, good music and a date night after you're done!
2. **Move like Marie** – Following the Marie Kondo Method, ([hyperlink here](#)) you should organize items by category, not by room. That's because things such as furniture and decor that don't work in a living room may fit perfectly in a bedroom or home office. Organize and take inventory of items to help you decide on stuff you really need.
3. **Follow the "Rule of Three"** – With things in categories, organize into three piles.

Stuff:

- 1) you both agree on for the new pad — put in a pile to move in
 - 2) to go — set aside to sell, donate or trash
 - 3) to debate — see step 4
4. **Breathe and Bargain** – Don't continue to debate each piece, and if you can't agree, put stuff in storage or negotiate space in your home. Perhaps, each person can have one room in the home they have domain over. Or you can try bargaining: *"If I let you have this poster, will you let me have this lamp?" "Can we try something my way for 30 days, then try it your way for the next 30 and see which we like best?"*
 5. **Pack Proficiently** in this order:
 - 1st – Stuff you disagree on goes first so it will be in the back and won't come into your new home immediately.
 - 2nd – Load non-essential stuff (out-of-season clothes, holiday decor) that you don't need right away and may want to store.
 - 3rd – Pack last, your essential items you need immediately (kitchen items, toiletries, bedding) so they're the first thing you can grab when unloading.

6. **Lose the Limbo** – Whether you keep the items in dispute in a spare space in your home or leave them in the storage container to go back to the warehouse, don't keep them there forever. Decide to revisit the items after a set period between 30 days (a month) to 90 days (a season). By then you need to decide on what really brings you joy or what's just junk. At the agreed upon date, either welcome the items into your new home or toss them.
7. **Sign and Date** – Don't forget to sign so you have an agreement in writing in case someone wants to display those old trophies front and center in your living room!

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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