



Budgeting for Your Move

A Practical Guide to Planning & Saving

Plan to avoid surprises with our easy step-by-step checklist

Part 1: Understand the Costs of Moving

1. Moving Company Fees

- Full-service movers vs. DIY options.
- Packing, transportation, and unpacking services.
- **Tip:** Always get multiple quotes to compare pricing.

2. Packing Supplies

- Boxes, tape, bubble wrap, markers.
- Specialty boxes for fragile or valuable items (e.g. mirrors, dishes).

3. Storage Costs (if needed)

- Temporary storage if there's a gap between move-out and move-in dates.

4. Cleaning Services

- Professional cleaning for the old home before handing over.
- Cleaning the new home before moving in.

5. Utility Transfers & Set-Up Fees

- Internet, electricity, water, phone, and other services.
- Possible deposits or connection fees for new services.

6. Additional Services

- Decluttering and downsizing assistance (we can help!).
- Estate sales coordination for unwanted items.
- Special handling for antiques, art, and fragile items.

Part 2: Sample Budget Template

Expense Category	Estimated Cost (ZAR)
Moving Company Fees (based on home size and distance)	
Packing Supplies (number of boxes & materials)	
Storage Fees (monthly cost, if needed)	
Cleaning Services (pre- and post-move cleaning)	
Utility Transfers & Set-Up (include deposits if applicable)	
Decluttering/Downsizing Help (optional, but timesaving)	
Estate Sale Costs (optional, but helps reduce clutter)	
Unexpected Costs (Buffer) Always plan for extras!	
Total Estimated Budget	

Part 3: Money-Saving Tips

Tip 1: Declutter before you pack - save on packing supplies and transport fewer items.

Tip 2: Sell unwanted items through estate sales or online marketplaces to add to your moving budget.

Tip 3: Use free or recycled boxes from local stores or friends.

Tip 4: Book moving services early to lock in better rates.

Tip 5: Ask about senior discounts – many companies (including us!) offer special rates.

Part 4: How Senior Movers Can Help You Save

One-stop moving and downsizing solutions - avoid hiring multiple vendors.

Experienced team to guide you on what to keep, sell, or donate.

Estate sale management to turn unwanted items into extra cash.

Free initial consultation to create a custom budget based on your needs.

Need help? Contact Senior Movers Today for a Personalized Moving Estimate!

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