

## Valuable information for buyers and sellers.



your move:

Many people move into new homes in the summer so they can be settled in time for the start of the new school year. If you are moving this summer, or will be moving in the future, take note of these time-saving tips from HGTV that will help take the stress out of

- **Your trash may be somebody else's treasure.** Before you start packing, take time to go through your belongings and get rid of things you won't be likely to use in your new home or that just aren't worth the effort to move with you. Hold a garage sale or consider giving away your unwanted items using Freecycle.
- **Remain organized with a packing system.** Not only will you want all of your boxes to make it into the right part of your house, but there will also be certain boxes containing necessities that you'll want to open first. Use colors to differentiate which room boxes go to, and provide a color key to the movers. Also number each box and make a master inventory list to remind you of the contents of each one.
- **Stay one step ahead of the movers.** Before your possessions arrive and the unpacking begins, head over to your new house if possible to do a little cleaning, painting and make any other improvements necessary. It is much easier to do these things while the house is empty.

A little preparation can go a long way in ensuring a smooth move, so plan ahead, stay organized and remain focused on the end result: your new home!