

# Moving

During moving season, it's important that we keep our city clean and safe!

Each year, some 115,000 people move in Montréal, especially in June and July. Some 50,000 tonnes of unwanted items have to be picked up by the city as a result. By responsibly re-homing pets and getting rid of garbage, bulky objects or mattresses before we move, we are being civic-minded neighbours and residents, to everyone's benefit!

## Are you moving? Remember to...

1. Take unwanted items to donation centres, ecocentres or check to see if your borough offers a special collection.

The stuff you don't want any more is probably a goldmine for organizations, artists and craftspeople!

Check out re-use/recovery resources in your neighbourhood (link in French only):

[http://ville.montreal.qc.ca/portal/page?\\_pageid=7237,75369688&\\_dad=portal&\\_schema=PORTAL](http://ville.montreal.qc.ca/portal/page?_pageid=7237,75369688&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL)

Ecocentres are re-use and recovery sites where a large quantity of waste is kept out of landfills.

See ecocentre schedules (link in French only):

[http://ville.montreal.qc.ca/portal/page?\\_pageid=7237,75371938&\\_dad=portal&\\_schema=PORTAL](http://ville.montreal.qc.ca/portal/page?_pageid=7237,75371938&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL)

**Here's an easy tip: Sort your recycling!**

Sorting your recyclables/reusables before you visit the ecocentre will shorten your trip. When planning your move, designate a space in your home for everything you won't bring with you that is recyclable/reusable (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, appliances, electronics and bulky items like furniture, etc.)

Visit Info-Collectes to find out schedules for waste collections in your neighbourhood. Some boroughs offer construction, renovation and demolition (CRD) collections as well as bulky waste collections.

<https://servicesenligne2.ville.montreal.qc.ca/sel/infocollectes/?lang=en>

2. Find a new guardian for pets or take them to a shelter so they can be adopted.

<https://beta.montreal.ca/en/pets>

Being a pet guardian means taking on a serious responsibility! If as a last resort, you cannot take your pet with you to your new home, remember that abandoning him or her is a cruel solution. Not only are you putting his or her life and safety in grave danger, but you are also disturbing other neighbourhood pets and the safety of residents.

**Here's an easy tip: Use your network!**

Well ahead of your moving date, use social media, talk to your friends and neighbours and put a notice up on the bulletin board of your dog park or community centre. If after taking those measures, you still have no responses, take your pet to a local shelter or an adoption organization.

Learn more: <https://beta.montreal.ca/en/topics/obligations-and-responsibilities-pet-owners>

3. Update your pet's file by calling 311 and register him or her if you haven't already

The By-Law Concerning Domestic Animals aims to promote harmonious cohabitation between residents and pets while ensuring residents' safety. This is why all pet guardians must have a valid permit for their pet.

**Here's an easy tip: Get a tag to identify your pet!**

When people move, due to open doors and frequent trips back and forth, there is a risk of your pet wandering outside. Make sure you don't lose him or her, searching for hours or even days, by registering your pet with the city and making sure the city tag is on his or her collar.

Learn more about pet license: <https://beta.montreal.ca/en/topics/pet-license>

#### 4. Prevent and control bedbug infestations: for yourself, future tenants and your neighbours!

Fighting bedbugs is everyone's responsibility: Residents, owners, movers, moving vehicle operators and exterminators must all work together. Bedbugs can be found in all types of homes, both luxurious and modest, clean and unsanitary. Don't feel ashamed if you find bedbugs in your home.

##### **Here's an easy tip: Act quickly!**

As a tenant, be sure to inspect your mattress before you move, have it treated by an exterminator or dispose of it correctly when you move (slash the mattress and place it in a sealed plastic bag before putting it on the curb). Carefully examine your new apartment and advise your landlord immediately if you find bedbugs. Clean your moving van before you put your belongings inside.

As an owner, as soon as bedbugs have been detected in a dwelling, call a qualified exterminator to detect where they are. If necessary, have your home treated by an exterminator.

As an exterminator, be sure to take all necessary measures to detect bedbugs in each room of a dwelling and, if necessary, each dwelling in the building.

As a mover or renter of a moving vehicle, be vigilant when inspecting mattresses by advising your client or the company if there are bedbugs in the vehicle, by disposing of infested mattresses accordingly and by cleaning the inside of the vehicle between each move.

The city is always concerned with the health and quality of life of its residents, and offers you more information and easy solutions:

<http://ville.montreal.qc.ca/bedbugs/>

#### 5. Be sure there are no cockroaches in your moving van or your new home

Moving trucks and rental vehicles may have cockroaches inside. Before putting your boxes in, you should carefully inspect the inside with a flashlight. Cockroaches run away from light and will move quickly if light is shined on them.

You should also check your new home upon arrival. Pay careful attention to spaces under the kitchen sink, plumbing fixtures and your electricity meter. Move the stove or refrigerator, if provided, to check behind them.

If you find cockroaches, advise the building owner or manager immediately. He or she is in charge of taking action quickly by contracting a certified extermination company. Do not try to solve the problem yourself with insecticide or other commercial products, which can be harmful to your health.

If you should have problems, the lodging committee in your neighbourhood can help. Find your committee by calling the [Regroupement des comités logement et associations de locataires du Québec](#) (in French) at 514-521-7114. You can also contact your borough by calling 311.

[Learn more](#)

## 6. Be sure there is a working smoke detector in your new home.

A smoke detector is still the most effective and least expensive way to save lives in the event of a fire. When you arrive in your new home, make sure that there is a smoke detector with a permanent lithium battery guaranteed to last 10 years. If necessary, replace old smoke detectors with models that have a lithium battery.

Occupants, whether they are tenants or building owners, are responsible for maintaining the smoke detector in good working order. To find out if a smoke detector is working correctly, just hold the test button down until you hear a beep.

Learn more: <http://ville.montreal.qc.ca/sim/en/smoke-alarms>

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Happy moving day!