



# Best Times to Move in 2022

Moving is a necessity that nearly everyone faces at one point or another in their lifetime—one that, if not well-orchestrated, can end up being an extremely overwhelming, time-consuming and expensive endeavor.

One of the BEST ways you can set yourself up for success with relocation in 2022—as a company or an employee—is to plan the timing of your move well in advance, around peak busy seasons.

By avoiding extremely popular moving dates, you can take advantage of greater availability and lower prices for trucking capacity, moving providers, and other moving-relating services.

In an effort to support you in your planning efforts, <u>northAmerican<sup>®</sup> Van Lines</u> has released its *2022 Best Times to Move Calendar* that contains tips, helpful reminders and color-coded days that classify dates as ideal, busy and busiest.

## Key Takeaways from northAmerican's 2022 Corporate Moving Calendar

According to the northAmerican 2022 Corporate Moving Calendar, these are the BUSIEST times to move:											
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### What to Expect During a Busy Moving Season

Though it's ideal to avoid popular moving dates to maximize the success and efficiency of your move, we understand that doing so may not always be feasible.

If that's the case for you, we recommend allocating as much time as possible to plan and book your services the further in advance, the better. Otherwise, you may find yourself facing one or more of these challenges...

#### **Scheduling conflicts**

When moving services are in high demand, it often has a domino effect on other services throughout the moving process. For example, scheduling appointments for internet service, cable, electricity and gas for a new residence may prove challenging if the respective service providers are experiencing an influx of requests for installation or activation.

#### **Truck shortages**

Additionally, the U.S. truck driver shortage, while not new, is still very much a reality. As demand for the already limited trucking capacity fluctuates throughout the year, so do prices. As a result, many employees who are given a lump sum may find that they are either unable to secure moving services for their intended move date or are forced to pay significantly higher prices for their move.

#### **Extended closing dates**

One final thing to keep in mind, for employees who are purchasing and/or selling a home during highdemand times, is that inspections, appraisals and the escrow process may also be impacted, potentially pushing out close date(s).

> Mortgage Application Form

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### 2022 Moving Trends

As the market starts to settle into its "new normal," real estate experts, movers and homebuyers are gearing up to predict what will happen next year. Here are a few moving trends you can expect in 2022 so that you can be prepared and plan your move accordingly:

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**Rising inventory levels** | Data from <u>Realtor.com</u> reveals that inventory levels are on the rise and movers can expect a more buyer-friendly market in 2022.

**Prices will not be dropping anytime soon** However, while prices are expected to rise, experts expect this to happen at a much slower pace than we saw in 2021.

**Continued exodus to suburbs** A trend first accelerated by the pandemic, 2022 will continue to see the suburbs attracting large numbers of buyers.

Check out Forbes Home to learn more.

## **Moving Tips and Guides for Success**

**SEASONAL MOVING TIPS:** 

- **SUMMER:** If you're moving during peak season (from May to September), you're advised to start planning your relocation at least 3-4 months in advance, as moving services are in high demand during this busy period.
- WINTER: Those moving during the winter should make sure sidewalks and driveways are clear of snow and ice on moving day. To learn more about moving in winter, read our <u>Guide to Winter Moves</u>.



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#### MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ALL THE FACTS:

- WHAT NOT TO MOVE: Did you know that there are items that are considered unsafe or that movers are not allowed, by law, to move? Familiarize yourself with that list so you can be prepared by reading <u>A Guide For What Can't be Moved</u>.
- MOVING PETS: Moving can be stressful on our furry friends. Help make the transition for them as smooth as possible by following this <u>guide on moving pets safely</u>.
- RELOCATING EMPLOYEES TO FLORIDA, TEXAS, NORTH CAROLINA, TENNESSEE, OR SOUTH CAROLINA? Florida, Texas, the Carolinas and Tennessee remain some of the most popular states that people are moving to. Visit <u>our guides page</u> to download our state-specific guides on these top drawing locations and share them with your relocating employees.
- LUMP SUM & REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS: Relocating employees, specifically those using a lump sum or a full-service corporate relocation program for their move, will likely encounter inconvenient delays for services and higher prices for their household goods move during these busier times. Scheduling moves for less impacted dates can help make a move go more smoothly.

Planning your 2022 employee relocations around busier times is a great start, but did you know that working with a relocation provider can offer a wealth of benefits including securing trucking capacity and improved pricing? If you are not currently working with a corporate relocation company, we now offer a way for you to try us before you sign a contract. <u>Business Class by northAmerican® Van Lines</u> allows you to experience our award-winning service without the commitment. Contact <u>Bobbi.Maniglia@northAmerican.com</u> to get your company in Business Class today!

See the 2022 Best Times to Move Calendar on the next page

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