NOR-CAL Moving Services Shares Holiday-Season Moving Tips for Bay Area Families

Moving between Thanksgiving and New Year's can mean easier scheduling, but rain, short days and holiday traffic call for extra planning.

NOR-CAL Moving Services celebrates 40 years of trusted moving excellence in the Bay Area



NOR-CAL Moving Services team member expertly wrapping and protecting furniture in their Bay Area warehouse facility

HAYWARD, CA, UNITED STATES, October 1, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Moving between Thanksgiving and New Year's is easier to plan than many Bay Area families expect. With the summer rush over, holiday-season moves often come with more scheduling flexibility, but winter rain, shorter daylight hours and holiday traffic all call for extra preparation. NOR-CAL Moving Services, a Hayward-based mover serving Northern California since 1982, is sharing practical guidance for households planning a move during the holidays.

According to NOR-CAL Moving Services, the holidays are a good time to move. Crews and dates tend to be easier to book, and many families want to start the new year in a new home. The key is planning around the calendar and the weather, not against them.

Book early around the holidays

Weekday dates in early December and the week after Christmas tend to have the most openings. Moves scheduled near Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve should be booked well in advance, and families should confirm their date and arrival window in writing.

Plan for winter weather

The Bay Area's rainy season typically begins in November. Movers recommend wrapping furniture and mattresses in plastic, packing electronics in their original boxes or sturdy, padded cartons, and laying floor protection at both homes. Households should also keep a backup plan for items that need to stay dry, such as short-term secure storage.



NOR-CAL Moving Services technicians using specialized equipment to safely relocate heavy appliances and electronics

Work with shorter days
With sunset before 5 p.m. in December, an early start keeps loading and unloading in daylight. Families should make sure porch and walkway lights work at both homes and keep a flashlight in their essentials bag.

Account for holiday traffic and travel
Freeways and shopping districts get busier around the holidays. Avoiding the days before major holidays, reserving parking or loading zones where the city requires it, and letting building managers know the move date can prevent delays.

Pack holiday decorations separately
Families moving in December often have decorations out. Packing fragile ornaments and lights in clearly labeled boxes, and setting aside what they'll want first in the new home, makes unpacking easier.

Keep children and pets in mind
School breaks and visiting relatives can make moving day busy. Arranging care for children and pets, and keeping a "first night" box with bedding, chargers, medications and snacks, helps the household settle in quickly.

About NOR-CAL Moving Services
NOR-CAL Moving Services has provided local, long-distance and commercial moving and storage services across Northern California since 1982. The company is an Allied Van Lines agent, is registered with USDOT and the California Public Utilities Commission, and is based at 3527 Arden Rd, Hayward, CA 94545. Learn more at nor-calmoving.com.

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