NOR-CAL Moving Services: Fall Is the Bay Area's Best-Kept Moving Secret

Dry weather, open dates and less competition for crews make October and November an ideal window for Bay Area moves.

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

SAN JOSE, CA, UNITED STATES, October 1, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Most San Jose families plan their moves for summer, when school is out and leases turn over. But according to NOR-CAL Moving Services, a Bay Area mover serving San Jose and Northern California since 1982, fall is one of the most overlooked times of year to move. October and early November bring some of the South Bay's most dependable weather, more flexible scheduling and far less competition for moving dates than the busy summer months.

According to NOR-CAL Moving Services, fall moves give households more control. With the summer rush over, families have more choice of dates and arrival times, and crews can often accommodate requests that would be difficult to book in June or July. For San Jose residents juggling work, school and closing dates, that flexibility can make the difference between a stressful move and a smooth one.

San Jose's weather works in your favor

Fall in San Jose is usually warm, sunny and dry, especially in October. Before the rainy season arrives in November, there's little risk of wet furniture, soggy boxes or slippery walkways. Temperatures have also come down from late-summer highs, which makes long days of carrying, loading and unloading easier on both families and crews. For moves into or out of

neighborhoods like Almaden Valley, Evergreen and Silver Creek, where homes often come with long driveways, hillside lots or multiple stairs, cooler and drier days make a real difference.



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

More open dates and more flexibility
Summer is peak moving season across the Bay Area, and the most popular weekends often fill up weeks in advance. In the fall, San Jose households typically have more weekday and weekend options to choose from. That makes it easier to line up a move with a home closing, a lease start date or a new job, and it gives families more room to adjust if plans change.

Easier moves for apartments, condos and townhomes
San Jose has a large and growing number of apartment communities, condos and townhome developments, from Downtown and North San Jose to Santana Row and Berryessa. Many of these buildings require elevator reservations, loading-zone permits or set moving hours. During the summer rush, those time slots can be hard to get. In the fall, there's less competition for building access, so residents have a better chance of securing the moving window they want.

Less traffic pressure on moving day
San Jose sits at the center of some of the Bay Area's busiest freeways, including Highways 101, 280, 87 and 880. While traffic never fully disappears, avoiding peak summer travel and holiday-season congestion helps keep moving day on schedule. NOR-CAL Moving Services recommends scheduling moves for mid-week mornings when possible and allowing extra time for moves that cross the city or head up the Peninsula.

Less disruption for families
With the school year underway, families can plan a move around a settled routine instead of the summer scramble. Moving in the fall also gives households time to unpack, find new favorite spots and settle in before Thanksgiving and the holidays, rather than living out of boxes during the busiest time of year.

A natural time to declutter
Fall is a good season for a reset. Sorting through closets, garages and storage before moving day means fewer boxes to pack and less to move. Summer gear, camping equipment and patio furniture can be cleaned and packed away early, while donation centers and recycling programs

across Santa Clara County make it easy to clear out items that won't make the trip.

Planning tips for a fall move in San Jose

Book two to four weeks ahead for the best choice of dates.
If you live in an apartment or HOA community, reserve elevators and loading areas as early as possible.
Watch the forecast in early November and keep plastic wrap on hand for upholstered furniture and mattresses in case of early rain.
Set up utilities, internet and trash service at the new home before moving day.
Pack an essentials box with chargers, medications, toiletries, bedding and important documents.
Consider secure storage if the new home isn't ready yet or the move falls between two closing dates.

Local, long-distance and commercial moves
NOR-CAL Moving Services helps San Jose households move across town, to other Bay Area cities and out of state, and it also supports local businesses with office and commercial relocations. Whether a family is moving from Willow Glen to Cambrian or relocating from San Jose to another state, the company's in-house crews handle packing, loading, transport and storage.

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. Learn more at nor-calmoving.com.

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