HOW TO ACCLIMATE TO A NEW CITY

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Research
Getting acclimated to a city and knowing where everything is located can be a difficult task. Get a better idea of what is surrounding both your neighborhood and area of work by checking out Google Maps. It allows you to see what is located near these areas, and the major interstates/highways you will be using.

Transportation
If you are moving to a city in which public transportation will be your primary mode of travel, be aware of the schedule and look at the possible routes. Even if you are using highways, the numerical system can vary drastically between states, so make sure you are informed so you can get around.

Local Newspaper
One of the best ways to discover local events and hear what is going on in your new city is to subscribe to the local newspaper. It will help keep you informed and aware of what is going on around you.

Fun Facts
Atlanta, Georgia is one of the top ten most popular cities to move to*

Public transportation is used 35 million times each weekday**

The most common distance to move is less than 50 miles***


http://www.apta.com/mediacenter/ptbenefits/Pages/FactSheet.aspx **

http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/mobility_of_the_population/cb12-240.html ***
Tie Up Loose Ends
Make sure that you aren’t leaving loose ends in your previous city. This includes notifying specialists, insurance companies, financial institutions, etc. You will need to cancel your accounts with them or give them a forwarding address so that they can continue to contact you. Check out our Moving Checklist for more tips!

New State
If you are moving to a new state, there are some important steps you should take to make sure you are set up in your new city. For example, you should find new physicians, create a new insurance account and get your vehicle registered.

Temporary Living
Compare your arrival date to your move-in date. If you are moving for a job, your start date may occur before you can settle in your new place. This situation could require you to stay in a hotel for a few days to cover the gap.
Style Revamp
Moving into a new home with a completely blank slate can be overwhelming. However, you can use this as an opportunity to revamp your style and change your look. It can also be fun shopping for new decorations and finding things to spruce up your home.

Put Up Pictures
An excellent way to make your new place feel more like home is to put up pictures of your family and friends. This tactic helps by giving you a sense of comfort and offers some familiarity to your new surroundings.

Be a Tourist
When you first move to a new city, it is okay to be a tourist and check out all the locations your city has to offer. If you are looking for local hotspots, you can download an app called Like a Local that shows you reviews and advice from city natives on which places to check out.

Talk to Neighbors
Making connections with your neighbors is a major step in making yourself more comfortable in your new city. Don’t be afraid to introduce yourself and ask for recommendations and advice for living in your new area.

Make a To-Do List
Make a list of all the fun and exciting things you want to do in your new city. That way, the next time you have a spare moment or are looking for something fun to do, you have a quick list to consult that can make the decision easy.