



Paxem's team of professional movers work at The Garlands to help a resident pack up for a move.

Making the Move Easier

LEAVE THE PROJECT OF PACKING UP TO THE PROFESSIONALS

SINCE 2003, PAXEM has taken the largest project of moving—that is, the sorting, tossing, organizing, packing, and then setting back up again—off their to-do lists. The company (whose name sounds like packs 'em) was founded by Jennifer Prell, and initially focused on helping large families move into or out of their homes.

Later, in 2006, the business began to focus on seniors. Paxem's team of experts will work with third-party movers, Realtors, and others to make the move for you. "Most of the seniors we work with are moving locally, within Illinois, to be closer to their children," Prell said. "But we have moved people's household belongings from Illinois to Florida, Arizona, Ohio, Texas, and other long-distance retirement areas," she said.

The largest home Paxem has packed for its owner was 20,000 sq. ft. They've also packed 50,000 sq. ft. of

commercial office space, moving all non-metal items and using a coordinated floor plan. For most seniors with an apartment-sized space, it takes one day to set up and pack. For homes, it would take generally two days. "We can help save your back and the nearly 200 hours it takes to pack your own home," Press said. "Moving doesn't have to be stressful, there is always help."

For Prell, the job of her expert staff is one of maintaining peace of mind. "We really take care of your loved one, and help them avoid the stress or potential physical harm of doing their own moves," she said. She also talks about the social component of moving, and often the people moving will be present when Paxem's staff is at work, though it's not necessary they be there. "Our clients don't need to be present, or do anything," Prell says. "We will cancel utilities, call the insurance company, coordinate the moving trucks,



and do whatever close-out activities are needed."

Paxem has a sister company called Elderwerks. Elderwerks is a not-for-profit that offers complimentary services helping in all aspects of finding senior housing and care (www.elderwerks.com). Prell has also taken notice of the fact that not all younger homeowners want all the things that were collected over their parent's lifetime. To help her clients with this, a consignment store, Paxem Consignment Showroom, will be opening in Palatine to assist in selling high-quality furnishings, Persian rugs, decoratives, crystal, and art.

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