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I don't know about everyone else, but I cannot believe that the end of the school year is almost here. September through March seemed like a blur of memories that flew by faster than all the school years before. Is it bad that I can remember last April better than I can remember this school year? I guess because April signifies the end of a lot of things. It's the end of the semester. It's the time to pack up everything in the car and go back to the place that you call home. A lot of things can happen in April such as new friendships, new relationships, new jobs, new attitudes and new perspectives. For me, April is bittersweet because of the sadness I experience from leaving college and the excitement for summer adventures. But before you start planning dates to the pool and clocking in for your summer job, you still have the daunting task of moving out. Here are some tips to help you make your move-out a bit easier:

Pickup trucks are your best friend. I guarantee that you will have accumulated a lot more belongings throughout the school year than when you moved in. Therefore, you're probably going to need a bigger car to fit all your stuff into. If you're lucky enough to live locally, then grab one of your friends that has a truck to help you make your commute home a lot less cramped. If you don't live locally, try and get your parents to borrow a van or an SUV and save themselves the rude awakening of trying to fit all your stuff into their small Honda Civic.

Repeat these words: "I do not need this.": By the end of the year, you're going to realize that you really don't need those five plastic totes or that green shag carpet that have cramped your living style all year. So what are you going to do with it? Radford University sponsors a Y-Toss Program every spring on-campus for people who don't want to throw away their extra residence hall stuff but can't fit it in the car. Donate it to the Y-Toss program right outside your building.

The early packer gets the calm parents: I know that no one really likes to pack but I guarantee that the sooner you start packing, the less stressful its going to be during move out day. Your parents are probably not going to be happy when they drove hours to help you

move out, waited 20 minutes for a parking spot, and then realize you haven't even touched the cardboard boxes and trash bags. You live there so you should do most of the work. So when you're sitting in your room with no finals to study for, get out the packing tape and do yourself a favor by getting a head start.

Leave the emotional baggage at Radford: Moving out of your residence hall can be tough. You're leaving behind your roommate, your suitemates, your new friends and all your memories. However, you're going to have a much better summer if you don't waste all your time on Facebook chat telling all your college buddies the countdown to when you can see them again. You're home for three months so make the most of it! Get out and enjoy being free with your old friends.

The major chore of unpacking is going to seem a lot less stressful if your emotional baggage didn't make it home with you.

Until next year, fellow Highlanders! I hope everyone has an amazing summer!