

MOVING - How to Prepare

“What do I need to do prior to arrival of the movers?”

Ingress and Egress:

Please leave clear a walkway in all rooms and hallways large enough for moving of furniture items.

Boxes:

Label the front of the boxes with the room name that you would like the movers to place them at your new location. Please insure that all of your non-appliance items are placed in boxes with flaps or lids and that the boxes are taped closed. Please label and advise the movers as to the boxes that have fragile items, china and glassware, packed into them. It is not necessary to box electronic equipment unless you have the original factory packaging. Please keep all boxes under 50 pounds. Boxes that are 50 pounds or less are classified as one-man boxes and boxes over 50 pounds are considered two-man boxes. Finally, do not worry about the price of moving boxes as they are moved at a very nominal price. If you are packing yourself, you should insure that you pack your items correctly to prevent damages.

Furniture:

Please make sure that the tops are clear of all items and boxes. Unless included in your moving service quote, please disassemble any items that require disassembly for moving such as multi-piece desks, entertainment center, bed with headboard/footboard, mirrors attached to dressers, canopies, ect. The manufacturers of “particle board” (OSB) furniture recommend complete disassembly before moving to prevent damages.

File Cabinets:

Please empty the contents of file cabinets to prevent damages to the cabinets’ sides and drawer slide mechanisms.

Dressers, Armoires, Chest of drawers:

Please empty all contents. However, you may leave clothing items and linens if you choose.

Jewelry armoires and boxes:

Please empty all contents and transport the contents with you.

Safes:

Please empty all contents, latch and lock the safe.

Storage cabinets:

Please empty all contents.

Beds:

Please remove all bedspreads, blankets, sheets and mattress covers. Waterbeds must be fully drained and mattress must be boxed.

Wall Hangings:

Please remove wall hangings, pictures and mirrors from the wall.

Appliances:

Please disconnect all electrical, water, gas, communications and data lines, All refrigerators, freezers and wine coolers must be completely emptied. We suggest that refrigerators and freezers are emptied and disconnected 12 hours before you move. Please remember to empty the drain pan at the bottom of the unit. Appliances with moving parts may require special preparation before moving to prevent damage. This is your responsibility. Please consult a service provider or the manufacturer.

Computers:

Please consult your owner's manuals or service provider for instructions before disconnecting monitor, printers and other peripherals. Only pack the C.P.U., monitor and printers in to boxes if you have all of the original packaging.

“What should I do in preparation for moving of my appliances and electronic equipment?”

Please unplug and disconnect all electrical, water, gas, communication and data lines before the arrival of the movers. Our movers are not permitted to make these disconnections and reconnections. The moving components in large appliances usually require special preparation before moving. Please consult your service provider or the manufacturer for recommendations. Please do not forget to remove the glass turntable from the microwave. Most manufacturers of rear projection big screen televisions suggest that you have the color guns re-aligned after your television has been moved if you see a change in color or picture quality.

“I have heard that certain things cannot be moved by a moving company, what are they?”

Those items include combustibles, explosives and hazardous materials such as: matches, kerosene, mineral spirits, paint thinner, cleaning solvents, gasoline, propane tanks, charcoal, lighter fluid, aerosols, liquid bleach, ammunition (assembled or components), paints, pool chemicals, motor oil, automotive batteries, automotive fluids, fertilizer, weed killer, pesticides, fire extinguishers, pressurized tanks, ammonia, nail polish, nail polish remover and darkroom chemicals.

- Don't take time for granted. It usually takes longer than you think it will.
- Don't get a truck/van that is too small. Making more than one trip wastes valuable time.
- Have as much packed as possible. Packing takes time and time is at a premium.
- Distribute heavier items, such as books, into several boxes.
- Move as much possible into the room that's closest to the front or back door.
- Remember to pace yourself – you'll need to have energy left for the end to move!
- Don't forget to buy plastic mattress covers (get 2) and rent blankets.
- Stay hydrated! Drink plenty of Gatorade or water. Don't move on an empty stomach!
- Hire experienced people to do your move. Do you really want “help” from an inexperienced person?
- Beware of people who claim they can move your specialized, expensive items, like pianos, cheaply.
- Be extremely careful when moving your Plasma/LCD TVs. Make sure your movers know how to handle them so they won't need expensive recalibrating.
- If you need to tie down your items, use real rope-not clothesline or plastic/nylon.