

Smart Move *Tips and help for moving*

How to pick a professional moving company?

- Check their reviews. Customers are quick to post on Yelp or other third-party sites, about a bad experience, and slow to post a great one. The more positive posts you see, obviously the better.
- Call the company and ask for an estimate. Most moving companies can give you a ballpark estimate, depending upon the square footage of your home, obstacles, and how many people will be needed. Keep in mind that this will only be an estimate, which can fluctuate.
- When moving over 50-miles, it's best to get an onsite estimate. This will enable your movers to identify all of the resources that will be needed to ensure everything gets packed and moved, safely.
- Confirm the moving company you've hired is licensed and insured. Check with the Better Business Bureau, as well.
- Are you getting a fair price? Definitely check with several companies. Keep in mind that you're often getting what you pay for with a moving company.

What about packing things?

- Professional moving companies can pack any, all or none of your items for you. You'll want to discuss this with your selected moving company. Having the moving company pack your items will often be done with great care to ensure nothing gets damaged during the move, so it might take a little longer that you might expect.
- Having your items packed and ready for the movers will always save on time and money. Be sure that boxes are labeled and aren't overfilled or too heavy. Open ended boxes are never a good idea.
- Large screen televisions are very delicate and you should discuss additional insurance with your moving company, or call your home owner policy agent, to see if it is covered there. Consider purchasing a specialized box or moving it yourself.
- Boxes are often available through your mover, or at home supply stores.
- Packing dishes should be done by wrapping each item with separated dividers in the box.
- Take your jewelry in a separate container, with you.
- Be sure to empty any loaded weapons, combustibles, and chemicals, before the movers arrive.

What if I'm moving into a storage unit?

- Be sure to let your mover know, before the move, that your items will be stored in a storage unit.
- The movers will likely charge you for the furniture padding, since you will likely want it to stay on your furniture, while it is in storage. Most moving companies will purchase back the padding, when you move out of the storage unit.
- Be sure that your storage unit will accommodate all of your things. Discuss this when getting your moving quote. The moving company should have a good idea what size storage unit you'll require.

Call Smart Move for all of your moving and storage needs.

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