

# Practical Hints to Make Moving Day Easier

**Appliances:** Ask your appliance dealer whether refrigerators, washers, dryers, water softeners, etc. will need servicing for the move. To help reduce odors in your refrigerator during transit, place an open box of baking soda inside (Arm & Hammer now makes a spill-proof box). Counter Top appliances such as toasters, blenders, coffee makers, microwaves, etc. should be placed in boxes.

**Bedding, Cushions & Pillows:** Should be packed in boxes or heavy duty trash bags.

**Books:** Pack books in small, strong, securely taped boxes. DO NOT pack books in empty dresser drawers. Remove all loose shelves from bookcases.

**China:** Wrap china and all fragile items in newspaper or white newsprint and pack in strong barrels or dish pack containers. Stand Plates on end. Pack heaviest items on the bottom.

**Drawers:** Dresser and chest drawers with clothing or soft items such as linens can remain in the drawers; however, they should not be overloaded. All breakable items should be removed, wrapped and packed in cartons. Any items that can spill should be removed and packed in cartons.

**Firearms:** We need to comply with the following procedures to be in full compliance with The Brady Act: "No common or contract carrier shall require or cause any label, tag or other written notice to be placed on the outside of any package, luggage, or other container indicating that it contains a firearm." Only the customer's name, reference number and the general description of "Sporting Goods" should be marked on the cartons. Transportation of ammunition is strictly prohibited.

**Hazardous Materials:** Our objective is to ensure happy customers, as well as to ensure the safety of the general public. With this in mind, please remember that it is illegal and/or unsafe for us to transport items that are flammable, explosive or corrosive. A list of such items includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Acids of any kind
- Adhesives of any kind
- Aerosol cans
- Ammonia
- Ammunition
- Anti-freeze
- Batteries
- Bleach
- Butane Tanks
- Charcoal Briquettes
- Chemicals
- Cleaners
- Disinfectants
- Fire Extinguishers
- Fireworks
- Gasoline
- Kerosene
- Lighters
- Lighter Fluid
- Liquid Cleaners
- Matches
- Paints
- Polishes
- Propane Tanks
- Petroleum Fluids
- Scuba Tanks
- Shellac & Varnishes
- Solvents
- Wood Stains
- Welding Gases

**Frozen Foods:** The driver is not responsible for these items on long distance moves. However, on local moves, this will not be a problem.

**House Plants:** It is best to move plants in your car. The driver is not responsible for plants.

**Linens:** Linens, curtains, blankets and wearing apparel are best placed in strong cases, cartons or trunks. Drapes can be hung in wardrobe cartons.

**Mirrors & Pictures:** Mirrors, valuable pictures and ornamental tabletops (marble and glass) should be padded, wrapped and placed in specially designed containers. The crew will remove such items and set them back up again at the final destination.

**Pots & Pans:** Pack kitchen utensils in barrels (dish packs). Stove drawers must be emptied.

**Rugs:** It is not necessary for you to remove your rugs from floors. The crew will take care of them.

**Valuables:** Remove all valuables such as jewelry, legal documents, liquor, etc. Your mover cannot be responsible for such items.

**Wall Fixtures & Brackets:** Movers are not allowed to remove any items that are affixed to walls.

If you choose to perform your own packing, remember light but bulky articles should be placed in large containers. Heavy items such as books and canned goods should go in small containers. Use cartons with tops so they can be taped.

Do not pack above the edge of the containers. They have to be placed one on top of the other inside the truck. Loaded cartons should not weigh more than 50 pounds.

Mark all cartons showing contents clearly and into which room they belong at the final destination. This will speed up unpacking.

Separate items that are not to go in the truck and let the driver know. Mark them: "DO NOT MOVE."

Also, pack in one container all the items you will need immediately upon arrival at your new home (telephone, remote controls, etc.). The driver will arrange to load this carton so that it will be one of the first off the truck.

**BEFORE THE MOVE:** Notify your post office, newspaper carrier, publishers, etc. Order your telephone, gas and electricity changes/disconnects. Don't forget about your cable TV, internet service, trash pickup, delivery services (water softener salts, Schwans, etc.) or any other utilities. Transfer your homeowner's/renter's insurance.