

Moving Guidelines: Precautions and Requirements for Transporting Your Household Items



APPLIANCES

Washers, dryers and icemakers must be disconnected and serviced prior to shipping.



ATTICS, CRAWL SPACES OR TEMPORARY STORAGE

Our crews are not permitted to go into an attic that does not have a solid (secure) floor. All items to be moved must be accessible to the loading crew.



BARBEQUE GRILLS AND PROPANE TANKS

Wrap grates and briquettes separately in a newspaper (or place all briquettes in a grocery bag) and place parts in moving carton. Pad carton with paper to reduce movement of contents. Due to federal laws, we cannot move propane tanks. Consult your local gas grill distributor for the safest method.



CANNED GOODS AND OTHER NON-FROZEN FOOD

Pack upright with no more than 24-30 cans per carton. Don't attempt to move perishables. Wrap glass containers and boxed foods individually and pack in small cartons.



CLOCKS

Remove or secure pendulum in large clocks. Grandfather clocks should be prepared for moving by expert servicemen.



DRAPES AND CURTAINS

Hang drapes over crossbars in wardrobe cartons, or pack folded in clean cartons.



ELECTRONICS

Mechanical failure of electronic products such as microwaves, stereos, TVs, VCRs, radios, computers, etc. are not covered under normal valuation (insurance) unless there is visible transit-related damage. Please make sure that you review your owner's manual for proper servicing prior to shipping.



FLAMMABLES AND COMBUSTIBLES

Flammable liquids and aerosol cans must NOT be packed. Changes in temperature and pressure can cause them to leak or explode. For your own protection, you should know that if you pack these items, and they cause damage to your shipment or others' shipments, you, not your mover, may be held liable.



FROZEN FOODS AND PLANTS

Because of the delicate and perishable nature of these items, your mover is prohibited from accepting these packed items when your shipment is being transported more than 150 miles and/or delivery will not be accomplished within twenty-four (24) hours from the time of loading.



LAMPS AND LAMPSHADES

Remove bulbs, harps and shades. Roll up cord. Pack lamps with bedding or wrap separately and place upright in clean, tissue-lined carton. Wrap harp and finial with packing paper and tape to inside wall of the carton that contains the shade. Wrap shades in tissue, not newspaper. Place upright in large, tissue-lined cartons.



MEDICINES

Seal caps with masking tape. Wrap and pack upright in small carton and carry with you



MIRRORS, PAINTINGS AND PICTURES

Tell your mover about valuable paintings that will require special care. Wrap small mirrors, pictures, paintings and frames and place on end in cartons. Place large pictures and paintings on edge in heavy cardboard containers. Large wall or dresser mirrors will be taken down by the movers and placed in special cartons. For added safety, place tape diagonally across mirror to protect better against damage. Do not place newspaper directly against paintings.



PERSONAL COMPUTERS AND VIDEO RECORDERS

Pack valuable electronic equipment in original cartons when available. Otherwise, use strong, corrugated cartons and place protective padding on the bottom of the carton. Wrap an old blanket or protective pad around the item and place it in the carton. Place additional padding between the carton and the computer or video recorder. Wrap cords separately, label to identify usage and place in a plastic bag away from delicate surfaces. Non-detachable cords should also be wrapped. Place cords between the padded computer or video recorder and the carton. Be sure your personal computer is "parked" and ready for transport.



PLASMA AND FLAT SCREEN TVS

They should be repacked in their original cartons or customized crate for safe transport. A flat screen or plasma TV must always be transported in an upright position and can NEVER be laid flat.



REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS

Defrost and allow 12-24 hours to dry out prior to loading. We suggest the interior be wiped dry to protect the unit from mildew and/or mold.



TOOLS

Drain fuel from power-tools. Pack tools in small, strong cartons. Wrap separately if valuable.