

Save Money and Move Better



Being prepared and organized can save you money during your move. The key is to only take things you still use. It's easier said than done since most people don't like to give up things, even if they don't use them anymore. Remember if you're taking it with you, you're paying for it!

For every extra item that you really don't need, but take with you, you can expect an extra cost. The items add to the weight and time to load and unload the truck.

If you are moving state to state, there are three main variables to consider: weight, distance and packing. The weight is a big factor...the less weight, the lower your cost!

Consider donating to charity or having a garage sale. There will be less to pack and unpack, that means money in your pocket. Remember, you may qualify for a tax-write off for items you donate to charity.

You can also save on the cost of your move by packing some of your own items. Pack non-breakables items like linens, books, and files in clean sturdy boxes sealed tightly with packing tape. You can purchase used boxes from CRC online for a reasonable cost. Always mark the boxes you pack clearly on the outside with your name and the room. Make sure all boxes are securely closed and inventoried.



Garages get tricky when you're dealing with yard tools and larger items. Bind together the long-handled items with tape and the working ends placed in a large garbage bag. Finally, be ready when the movers arrive, because the cost for them to wait can be expensive.

The less weight you have and the quicker the movers can get your things moved, the more your dollars will stretch. With some prep work, you can save a lot of money.

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- Use wardrobe boxes to make closets easier to pack.
- Remember the heavier the item, the smaller the box
- Clearly label all boxes on top and sides.
- Start packing items you will not need ahead of time.
- Avoid mixing items from different rooms in the same box.
- Always tape boxes, don't interlock the tops.
- Never use duct tape – use packing tape.
- Visit www.relocationcenter.com "Useful Links" to get free delivery on cartons and supplies

Message from the EVP

This ReloWire has a distinct theme; saving money on your household goods move. In addition to the tips in this newsletter, your relocation coordinator is a great source for advice and counseling on many more ways to keep moving costs in-check! Our coordinators go through dozens of hours of training annually from various associations of which we are members. All of this training, coupled with our company's 20 years of experience allows us to provide our clients with relocation services for every range of budget. You caught that "20 years of experience"? This June will mark the 20th anniversary of The Relocation Center. During this time, we have provided outstanding relocation services to corporations, membership groups and individuals. Happy 20th TRC!

Keep relocation simple,

J. Miles Higgins, EVP

Don't forget!

 *By law, a moving company can't transport hazardous materials such as gasoline, bottled gases and other flammables or explosive items.*

 *Important and sentimental documents are difficult to replace. Put together a box that you can carry with you to your new home. Include things like adult and children's health records, passports, family records, insurance information and photo albums.*