



CHOOSING A MOVING COMPANY

Moving is probably one of the most stressful experiences you will ever go through in your life. The whole process of packing up your belongings, leaving your home and moving to a new area is hard enough. Add to that the fact that we have to entrust our possessions and their transport to complete strangers and it's no wonder our stress levels soar! The problem is we don't tend to move often enough in our lives to make it a process we get used to. We're generally all novices when it comes to moving and it shows! But, like any process, moving is all about being smart and knowing what you're doing.

The hardest part of the process....IS choosing a moving company.

Choosing a good moving company is difficult. We've all heard horror stories from friends and family about disreputable companies and it's vital to sort the good from the bad as soon as you can. Wherever you live, you can guarantee that there will be various moving companies just waiting to help you out. Your hardest task is choosing one that's right for you – it's vital that you get this choice right. Getting it wrong can cost you time, money, and heartache. Choosing a moving company is very much an individual choice and your decision should be tailored to your actual needs.

Nowadays, moving companies can offer you a wide range of services on top of their basic removal competencies. These can include packing, the sale or hire of packing materials, unpacking, and storage facilities. Some companies will even pack your possessions, transport them, clean your new home, unpack your possessions, and arrange them at the other end according to your instructions. These additional services will obviously cost you more money.

As a guideline, you should choose your moving company at least 4-8 weeks before your moving day. Leave it too long and you'll find that the good companies are fully booked and you'll have less choice in the matter. It's far better to choose and book your company as far in advance as possible. Bear in mind that movers are often busy at the end of the month, on Fridays, and on weekends and may charge more for these premium times. Many will tell you that they have certain quiet days – such as Mondays – they may even be prepared to offer you a discount to move during their less busy periods. It's always worth asking!

To make the best choice, you need to think about what you want from a move – and the first thing you should do before contacting moving companies is to make a quick checklist of what you need them to do. This list will help you get the best quotes, as you'll be able to be very exact about your needs. Examples include:

- Your preferred moving dates.
- Are you looking to move locally, long-distance, or even internationally?
- Do you want help with packing, want to hire/buy packing materials, or simply want to pack up yourself?
- Will you need the moving company to transport valuable or fragile items?
- Do you just want to hire a vehicle to move yourself?
- Do you need storage facilities?
- How much stuff do you have?
- How much insurance will you need?

Speak with your Producers agent for our list of trusted moving companies based on your specific needs, or even just a little advice of some tips we can share to help you through the process.

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