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Types of Moves

Residential Move

Residential move, as the name suggests, is one where a person or family relocates from one house to another. This relocation could be a result of one of many reasons. A new job, buying a new house, moving closer to family are just some common reasons why people move within the United States. Although moving to a new place can be stressful, if done properly it can be a pleasant and rewarding one.



Auto Move



Another very common type of move is called an Auto move or Auto Transport. This kind of move consists of moving a vehicle from one place to another. In today's world, when the internet plays an important role and the world is getting smaller and smaller, a lot of people buy cars online. Or in case of a relocation, they might need to take their cars with them. Whatever the case may be, there are professional auto transport companies that specialize in moving cars across states or even internationally. This kind of move is known as an Auto Move.

Corporate Move

A Corporate Move could range from an employee of a corporation being relocated to another branch to an entire department moving to a new location or maybe the entire company moving their offices. Whatever the case maybe, this kind of move is typically a job of movers that have experience. In such kind of moves, where a lot of sensitive and important official items and equipments are concerned, its important to make sure they are handled properly.

Speciality Move

Speciality moves comprise of relocation of special and out of the ordinary items. A few common types of speciality moves are Pet Moves, Piano Moves, Art Moves etc. Move such specialized items need extra care and definite know-how of how to keep them safe during transit. Whether you are moving an expensive pience of art or your favorite pet, it can all be handled by professional speciality movers.



Tip: When using a moving company for any of the above types of moves, make sure to check your movers BBB rating and their license with the DOT.

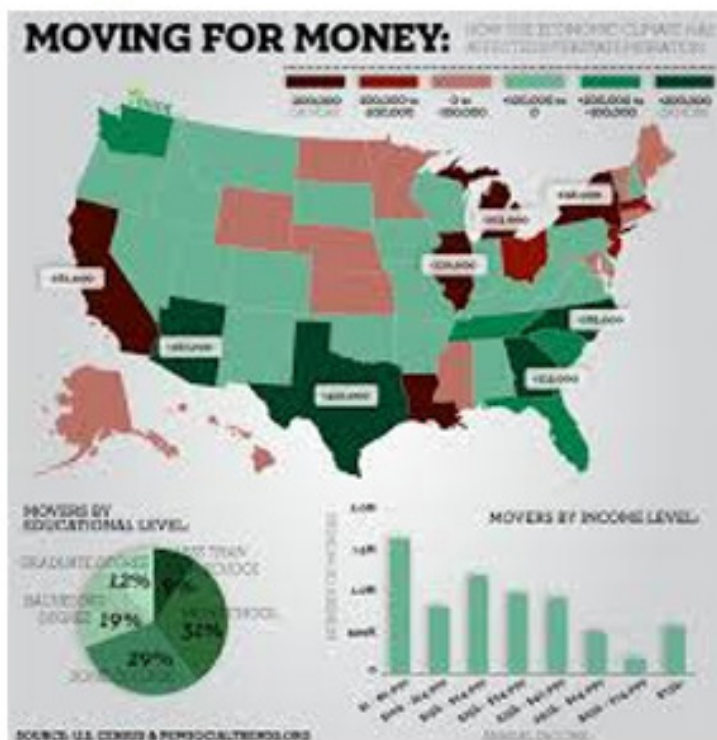
Types of Moves by Distance

Local Move

Local move is the type of move where a person or a family is moving to a new house which is in the same state as their current house. Majority of moves in the United States are local moves, where a person is moving from a few blocks to a few miles away but staying within the same state. Some companies also consider a move less than 100 miles a local move. For example, someone moving from Northern Virginia to Bethesda, Maryland. Local moves are generally charged based on the number of hours and the number of movers needed for the move.



Long Distance or Interstate Move



A long distance move also known as an interstate move is where a person is moving to a different state. Moves like CA to AZ, FL to TX etc are considered long distance moves. Different companies have different ways of calculating cost of a long distance, but the most common factors to take into consideration are the distance of the move and the weight of your items.

Tip: When moving to a different state it is important that you do your research properly. Looking into what areas are better to live, where the good schools are. What are the taxes like? Insurance rates and just the overall cost of living. Also, don't forget to look into the weather conditions and whether the new climate will be suitable to you and your family.

International Move

International move, as the name suggests, is a move where a person or a family are relocating to a different country. Anytime a national border is crossed, the move is considered international. International moves are the most complicated types as you have to deal with customs processes and well as policies and regulations of the destination country.



How to Prepare for a Move?

Moving can be a very stressful task, one that if not handled properly can take a toll on you not only physically, but emotionally and even financially. There's no reason why your move can't be a stressfree one. We've put together a list of tips that'll help you prepare for your move and make sure you take all the right steps.

1. Decide whether moving is the right choice

Whether you are moving for professional reasons or personal, be absolutely sure that moving is the way to go. Moving brings a lot of change for adults and children equally, but it can also offer a new beginning.

2. Decide on the time of year for your move


Like any other business, moving business is also prone to the ups and downs that come with different seasons. This is why deciding upon a rite time to move can save you a lot of money. Usually summer time is a busy one for movers as a lot of people tend to move during the summer months ranging from April - August. Movers are usually booked up if not over booked, thus leading to higher cost. By scheduling your move in months outside of those, you can get great rates and choice of available dates.

3. Research moving companies in advance

This is a very important step. One that can be the difference in a great move and a nightmare. DO NOT LEAVE THIS TO THE LAST MINUTE. Many people leave this for the end and figure that they can find a good mover quickly by just opening the Yellow Pages. This could be a huge mistake. With over 50,000 moving companies in the US, its very hard to know a good company from a rogue one just by looking at the name. Give yourself enough time.

4. Get multiple quotes and compare

Don't just talk to one moving company and decide. Do your research by getting several quotes and talking to different companies.

 **Saving Tip:** Once you get multiple quotes for comparison, a few will be very close to each other in terms of weight, price and services. Its always a good idea to choose one of these. Try to stay away from quotes that are far apart from the group.

5. Schedule a moving date and time

Book a moving company in advance to make sure you get your choice of moving date and time. Remember, moving companies get booked pretty fast for weekends and long weekends. So give yourself a head-start so you can have the first pick.



SAVE TIME & MONEY BY PLANNING AHEAD



Quick Trick

Services like MoverJunction are designed to take the hassle out of moving. Fill out just one quote form and get connected to upto 6 professional moving companies.

Get Free Moving Quotes Instantly! Call our Moving Experts at (888) 901-4841

Questions to Ask before Hiring a Mover?

After you have zeroed in on a few professional moving companies, it is important for you to ask some key questions to be absolutely clear about what you are getting into. Asking these questions can aid you in selecting a moving company from the final list, ensuring that you make a well-informed selection.

ENQUIRE ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE & BACKGROUND

- Ask about the number of years the company has been in business. For companies with only a few years of experience, check the background information and credentials to be sure of the quality of service you can expect.
- Ask whether the mover can provide with proof of good service and reference from past clients.
- Know more about whether the company is a member of the American Moving & Storage Association (AMSA) or has a high ranking with the Better Business Bureau. These are professional organizations and are there to protect the rights of consumers and to ensure that members deliver quality service at competitive prices.
- Enquire about whether the mover has a valid USDOT (U.S. Department of Transportation) number to make sure that your belongings are being transported legally and in a safe manner.

ASK ABOUT THE MOVING COSTS

- Ask your mover about price estimates that are binding and that would not exceed on the day of the move or any other time. This way, you can select a reliable moving company with competitive rates.
- Ask about moving charges pertaining to interstate moves, local moves, and international moves.

ASK ABOUT HOW THE MOVER INTENDS TO KEEP YOUR ITEMS SAFE

- Ask the moving company about how it intends to safeguard your walls, carpets, and interiors in your new home from being damaged on the day of the move.
- Enquire about compensation and insurance being provided to workers to rule out being liable for injuries occurring on your property.
- Ask about the claims procedure to deal with instances when goods get damaged during the move. If you are aware about the claims procedure, you will be able to handle claims when some of your valuables get damaged along the way.
- Enquire about the time of arrival of your consignments, which could vary for local, long distance, or international moves.

Tip: Whenever using a moving company, try to get a Binding Not-To-Exceed Estimate for your move. This type of estimates puts a ceiling on your moving cost, hence avoiding any last minute rate hikes.

Tips to Reduce Moving Cost

When its time for you to move to a new house or an apartment, you have a variety of moving options available to make your experience as simple as possible. You can choose from Full Service Moving Companies, Self-Service Movers or just rent a truck from Uhaul or Budget and do the move yourself. Whatever option you choose though, its important to keep a check on the cost of your move, because little things can really add up. This specially holds true in the case of Full Service Movers.

Here are some tips that'll help you keep the cost in check when using a full service moving company.



1. PACK YOURSELF

packing services can be expensive and rake up the cost of your move if you have the movers do it. To save cost and time, pack your belonging yourself before the movers show up.



2. DISASSEMBLE FURNITURE

have all your furniture disassembled and ready to go before the moving companies show up. This will not only reduce the time it takes for your move, but also reduce cost.

Quick Tip

Put all the nuts and bolts from an item in a zip lock bag and tape it item.

This'll prevent you from losing anything & make the reassembly that much quicker.



4. REDUCE INVENTORY

sort thru your items and decide what you really want to take with you. Have a garage sale to turn unwanted items to cash or simply throw away or donate items you don't need. This'll reduce cost drastically.



3. INFORM ABOUT STAIRS

inform the moving company about any stairs or basements in the house that you need to move stuff out of or into. This'll help the mover assess cost accurately.

Quick Tip

Donate any items that you don't need. Clothes, books, electronics, shoes can be dropped of at a nearby dropbox set up by various charitable organizations. Find one near you and donate.

This doesn't only reduce the stuff you need to pay to move, but you can also take tax deductions.

Tip: Be as accurate as possible when going over the inventory with your movers. This helps the movers to calculate your moving cost accurately leaving out the possibility of any last minute price hikes or surprises.

Helpful Resources

This guide is designed to give you some quick tips to prepare you for your move and make sure that your move goes smoothly. With thousands of moving companies in business today, it's become that much harder to distinguish good movers from the rogue ones.

Luckily there are several sources available at your disposal where you can do your research and make sure you are protected.

Better Business Bureau (BBB)



Better Business Bureau or the BBB, as it's commonly referred to, is a non-profit organization focused on advancing marketplace trust. The BBB collects and provides free business reliability reviews on business all across the US.

You can check reviews and complaints on any moving company before you make your decision. Always check the BBB rating before hiring a company.

Website: <http://www.bbb.org>

American Moving & Storage Association (AMSA)



The AMSA is a non-profit trade association representing members of the professional moving industry in the United States. Its members consist of vanlines, their agents, independent movers etc.

The AMSA's ProMover quality certification program offers its members professional training and certification. Be sure to ask your mover if they are a member of the AMSA.

Website: <http://www.promover.org/>

US Department of Transportation (DOT)



The United States Department of Transportation is a federal department of the US govt. concerned with transportation. Its mission is to "Serve the United States by ensuring a fast, safe, efficient, accessible, and convenient transportation system that meets our vital national interests and enhances the quality of life of the American people, today and into the future."

Every moving company must have a Unique DOT Number, which gives them license to operate trucks and do business in the US.

Website: <http://www.dot.gov>

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)



The FMCSA regulates the trucking industry in the United States. Its primary mission is improving the safety of commercial motor vehicles and truck drivers through enactment and enforcement of safety regulations.

Website: <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/>

Have a Great Move!!!

Thru this guide, its our aim to educate our customers and make everyone aware of their rights so you can have a safe and stress-free moving experience.

We hope that you will keep all the points we discussed in this guide in mind while researching and dealing with the movers.

Please feel free to contact us anytime should you have any questions. Our expert reps are standing by to assist you through the entire process.

We wish you all the best.

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