

General

- ◆ In reviewing estimates always use a spreadsheet to compare: **Companies** insurance, tenure, experience, referrals, storage facilities, is the company a broker (have you seen their trucks?), resources (smaller movers are stretched thin during summer and ends / beginnings of months), BBB report, are the movers trained. **Local Move** compare man hours (#men x # hrs...a low estimate can be underestimated), most moves are 1 day moves (2 day moves allow movers with less resources to do more moves). If a range is given of hourly rates it is because the mover is not sure whether they will have #men or #men working on your move day. **VA moves Over 31 miles** are regulated by the state and must be charged by actual weight. **Interstate Moves** are based on weight, “absolute guaranteed prices” wont be if the mover loads more items than is listed on the estimate inventory, how does the driver acquire labor at destination, if considering a “Van Line” will the estimating company (agent) actually be moving you, does the company track its’ trucks (GPS). **Storage Moves** does the mover own their warehouse, does the mover load storage containers at the home, will a flat bed truck be used on your move (rain).
- ◆ Pack a box or 2 of items, documents and / or clothing needed during or immediately after the move.
- ◆ If you are going to move anything yourself, first *move* “do not move with mover” items, 2. large pictures 3. lamp shades
- ◆ **Deposits:** If your Mover does not require a deposit – NO legal transaction has been made. Be wary of deposits over 15%.
- ◆ If guaranteed something by a mover (delivery), you must also know what are the consequences if that Guarantee is not met.

Packing

- ◆ Use dish-packs (double thick cardboard) for your fragile items. These boxes do not crush! Use three inches of crumpled paper in the bottom of box and between layers. Dishes should be vertical in box.
- ◆ Pack Fragiles last. It makes less sense to run out of time and have your mover pack things that do not break.
- ◆ The average person uses 5-10 cartons per room—more for the dining room, kitchen, basement and library.
- ◆ Pack “light” things in large boxes, heavy things in small boxes and medium weight things in medium boxes.
- ◆ Label every carton immediately upon sealing. Label as to room and contents.
- ◆ Pack each carton while it sits on top of another carton or in the seat of a side chair. The less you bend--the less you ache.
- ◆ Color code your boxes and the room the boxes will go with the same color.

Logistics

- ◆ Notify your Moving Consultant of any interior sprinklers, stairs, long walks, elevators or construction at *destination*.
- ◆ Customer must remove all items from the attics without floors.
- ◆ In apartment buildings, make all elevator and access arrangements well in advance and inform your representative of any special requirements.
- ◆ On narrow streets, where parking is difficult, you should notify local police at least 10 days in advance. They will post “No Parking” signs for the day you request. Allow at least 75 feet for our trucks.

Furniture and Home

- ◆ The customer must provide the packers and driver with a list of serial numbers for any guns to be transported. The packers will write the serial numbers on the inventory. Cartons must not identify firearms.
- ◆ The customer should check all dresser drawers to be sure nothing valuable or breakable is left in them, the day before the packers arrive. Items left in drawers will be transported as is.
- ◆ Any item that is permanently affixed to the walls or ceiling must be taken down by the customer if he/she wishes to have it transported. JK does offer a “Beyond the Move” service which could perform this service.
- ◆ Trash cans should be used to contain long handle tools and hose / extension cords.
- ◆ Computers need to be made ready for transport, including back-up, etc, by the customer. JK does offer a “Beyond the Move” service which could perform this service.
- ◆ All items that are flammable / hazardous must be transported by the customer. This includes aerosol cans of any kind, fire extinguisher, paints and paint cleaners, ammonia of any kind, cleaning fluids, and matches.
- ◆ The customer should move finials on Secretary, pins in bookshelf , keys for cabinets and any other small, loose hardware.
- ◆ We recommend against polishing the furniture just prior to your move date.
- ◆ Let your Moving consultant know of any fragile or broken pieces of furniture so they can be treated with special care.

Appliances

- ◆ Gasoline in lawn mowers / gas powered equipment should be at least ¼ tank or less. Propane tanks can not be moved.
- ◆ The customer must provide the packers and driver with a list of serial numbers for any guns to be transported. The packers will write the serial numbers on the inventory. Cartons must not identify firearms.
- ◆ The customer needs to empty, defrost, and clean the refrigerator and/or freezer the day before the driver arrives. Perishable items cannot be transported.
- ◆ Disconnect water line to washer and electric to Dryer. Prepare upright Washer / Dryer with Moving Kit. JK does offer a “Beyond the Move” service which could perform this service.
- ◆ Barbecue grills that use coals should be cleaned out by the customer the day before the packers arrive.

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