

MOVING IDEAS

Tips for Loading the Moving Truck

(NAPSA)—Loading a rented moving truck is easier than you may think. Here are some tips to help you pack the truck safely and efficiently.

- Select the right truck for the job. You can get a free moving guide to help you calculate the truck size you need based on the size of your household. You may also need packing equipment and accessories.

- Select a truck with 10 to 15 percent more storage space than you think you will need. Do not pack the truck too high or too tightly; avoid packing items so that they are difficult or dangerous to reach.

- Get help moving large or heavy items. Use rented hand trucks with load-locking straps.

- Using sturdy packing boxes of a fixed size and known strength allows you to stack them and speed up loading.

- Put the heaviest items, such as major appliances and furniture, on the truck first. Tie appliance and dresser doors shut. Protect them with furniture pads, available with most rental trucks.

- Stack cartons in the truck by weight, from heaviest to lightest, floor to ceiling. Keep fragile items toward the top, securing them with rope so they don't shift.

- Keep refrigerators, dishwashers, and other major appliances upright to avoid damage.



Moving can be done quickly and safely when you follow steps for efficient loading.

- Place long items like mattresses, box springs, sofas and large mirrors along the walls of the truck. You can buy mattress bags to help keep your mattresses and box springs clean.

- Roll up and tie rugs and carpets. Take apart bed frames and tie the rails and crosspieces together. Load these items on the floor in the center of the truck.

- After you have packed the truck, lock it securely with a good padlock.

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