

MOVING GUIDE

A simpler way to move.

Everything we've learned in 40+ years of moving Greater Los Angeles — in one place, free for the asking.

Six to eight weeks before

The biggest moves go best when they start early. This is when you decide who's packing, who's moving, and lock the date.

- Decide how much you'll pack yourself versus hire out. (We offer full-pack, partial, and kitchen-only.)
- Get written quotes from at least two or three movers. Compare crew size, hourly rate, and total — not just the headline price.
- If you're moving long distance, lock the date — those calendars fill up first.
- If you have a piano, pool table, gun safe, or oversized art, mention it when getting quotes — it changes crew size.
- Start using up frozen and pantry food you don't want to move.

Four weeks before

- Confirm the moving date in writing.
- If your building requires a Certificate of Insurance, send the template to us. We'll file it before move day at no charge.
- Reserve the freight elevator at both origin and destination buildings if applicable.
- Order packing supplies if self-packing. See the carton guide for box-count estimates by room.
- Notify your landlord and confirm move-in details with the new landlord or HOA.
- Schedule utility, internet, and cable disconnects and reconnects.

Two weeks before

- Start packing the rooms you don't use daily — storage closets, garage, attic, formal dining.
- File your USPS Change of Address at moversguide.usps.com — at least 14 days ahead.
- Update your address with banks, credit cards, insurance, employer, schools, voter registration, and subscriptions.
- Confirm parking arrangements at both addresses (loading zones, no-parking signs, dock reservations).
- Pull together important documents and valuables — keep these with you, don't pack them on the truck.
- Donate or dispose of anything you don't want to move. See our disposal & donation contacts on the website.

The week of

- Finish packing everything except essentials.
- Label boxes by destination room and contents. Mark fragile boxes "Fragile — top load only."
- Defrost the freezer 24 to 48 hours before move day.
- Pack a first-night bag for each family member: clothes, toiletries, chargers, medications, snacks.
- Confirm move time, address, and crew size with us. Double-check the COI is on file with your building.
- Withdraw cash if tipping in cash, and have your payment method ready.

The day of

- Be on site when the crew arrives. Walk them through and point out anything fragile or special.
- Keep the path from the truck to the door clear.
- Have water and a few snacks available for the crew — especially on hot LA days.
- Inventory the truck as it loads — we'll bring a sheet; check items off as they go on.
- At the destination, direct items to the right rooms as they come off the truck.
- Walk through the empty truck before signing off.

After you've moved

- Unpack essentials first: kitchen basics, bathroom, beds. Everything else can wait a week.
- Test appliances; confirm utilities are working.
- Update your driver's license and voter registration if you crossed county or state lines.
- Re-register your car if you moved to a new state.
- Leave a review for your mover — it helps the next family choose well.

What we won't move

Some things we can't legally transport. Dispose of these properly before move day:

- Paints, varnishes, solvents, pool chemicals, bleach (LA SAFE Centers take these free for LA residents)
- Propane tanks (return to a propane supplier)
- Ammunition and firearms
- Lighter fluid, gasoline, kerosene
- Plants on long-distance moves (USDA / temperature restrictions); local moves OK in your own car
- Pets on the truck — ever

Questions? Call us at (818) 884-6125. Family-owned and operated since 1982. The person who answers is part of our team.