



## Tips for a Stress Free Move

The cost of a local move is determined by manpower and time. The size, time of week, month and moving demand will influence the total cost of your move. To guarantee your move is handled safely, efficiently and inexpensively, we recommend reviewing the following guidelines.

\*Inspect all driveways for overhead obstructions to eliminate long carries and potential damage to trucks or other property. Overhead clearance should be 13' 6" and turns should be wide enough to accommodate a 28' truck

\*Trucks are parked only on solid roads and driveways. If instructed by a shipper to do otherwise or park on non-solid surfaces the shipper is responsible for any damage or towing expense. Moving Vans are light and do not do well on slippery surfaces.

\*Moves happen in all types of weather. Our trucks and crew are prepared and will do their best to minimize any mess. Please help by cleaning walks and drives and covering inside floors and carpets if possible before we arrive.

\*Safety is paramount. Keep children and pets away from moving area. Non-employees are NOT allowed on the truck but can help carry if they feel inclined.

\*Packing yourself? Make sure all boxes are taped with sealing / packing tape. Use the appropriate packing material to eliminate breakage. Most movers sell packing material. Bluemound Express is not responsible for damage to items packed by the shipper. We'd be happy to quote you a full price with packing.

\*Mark ALL boxes clearly on top and sides with which room they are destined for. This speeds up unpacking saving you money.

\*Consolidate cartons. The ideal weight for a packed box is 30-45 pounds. Plastic containers are acceptable but tape the tops on.

\*Removing doors and railings prior to mover arrival will save time and money.

\*Tell moving crew about any items that need to be removed by a special route and identify it. Some large pieces might have only one workable entrance or exit point.

\*Movers will place articles where you want them unless: it endangers employees or risks damage to the item. In some cases a waiver will be required to alleviate the risk.

\*Inspect and note any damage to the furnishings being moved before they are moved. A new environment sometimes shows imperfections that weren't visible before.

\*ALL items moved must be boxed if they are not large stand-alone furnishings. If movers are asked to move them loose, they are not responsible for any damage. We recommend transporting them yourself.

\*Some items need to be serviced pre-move, by a technician. (pool tables, hot tubs, grandfather clocks etc) The owner's manual should specify if this is needed.

\*Appliances should be disconnected and serviced before the move. Under no circumstances will we connect or disconnect any appliances. We can recommend a third party to do so.

\*Refrigerators and freezers cannot be moved with contents inside. Defrost appliances 24 hours prior to moving and remove and pack any glass shelves.

\*Avoid doing laundry on moving day. It causes mover delays and you money.

\*We will assemble and disassemble beds. It takes time and costs you money. If you do it ahead of the move it's a win-win for all.

\*Dressers can usually be moved full of contents. Please remove any valuables, liquids and breakables. Keep heavy contents out. In moves with difficult carry routes the contents might have to be removed for safety reasons.

\*Particle board furniture is not made to be moved and can be easily damaged. It is best to completely disassemble this type of furniture before moving. Moving companies will not be responsible for damage.

\*Desks, end tables, night stands, file cabinets and all other small storage enclosures with drawers should have the contents emptied. These types of furniture are usually stacked or put on their sides during a move which can spill the contents. Keep any keys to these with you.

\*Dining and kitchen tables move easier with the legs removed if possible. You save time and money if you do this prior to the mover's arrival. Most movers will provide this service if needed but at a cost.

\*Items from attics, basements and other remote areas of the home or office should be moved to a staging area where the moving crew can get to them and pack appropriately. Cleaning out these areas by the moving crew takes time and money.

\*Medicines, jewelry, cash, guns, credit cards and other valuables should be moved and kept in the possession of the shipper at all times.

\*Safety reasons make it impossible for us to move flammables, corrosives, combustibles, ammunition or liquids. A leaky bottle of bleach can ruin upholstered furniture.

\*Bluemound Express applies a value of \$.60 per pound to the items being moved. This total value will be on the cost estimate form. If shipper feels this is inadequate notify Bluemound Express 48 hours prior to the move date.

\*Excellent Communication and attention to detail between mover and shipper will result in an awesome moving experience. Make sure paperwork, scheduling and responsibilities are well communicated and documented.

\*Any changes, no matter how small or maybe insignificant should be communicated and discussed. Moving is a big job, sometimes emotional. Be ready for the mover and it will be as "stress free" as possible.

\*Most moves require payment after the move is completed. Make sure these arrangements have been agreed prior to the move and have appropriate payment means available at the completion.

We hope you find this list helpful. The tips are universal and most movers abide by them. By addressing questions and setting the expectations prior to the move it will help the move happen efficiently and save you a few dollars. Your move should be as "stress free" as possible.

Please call Bluemound Express @ **262-650-1870** or visit our Website **BluemoundExpress.com** for more information and testimonials about us and why we are **Wisconsin's Movers of Choice**.

We would appreciate the opportunity to add you to our long list of satisfied customers.

# Have a Great Day!



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