

Moving Options:

Hire a Moving Company vs. DIY Moving

It's planning time. Check off these tips and reminders as you go to choose the right moving option for you. First, you'll have to decide whether you need professional movers or if you're going the DIY route.

How to Find a Professional Moving Company

- Ask friends and family for personal recommendations.
- Research moving companies in your area online.
- Set a budget for moving expenses.
- Call multiple companies to review costs and availability.
- Schedule in-home consultations.
- Ask about extra fees.
- Take inventory of items room by room.
- Determine items movers won't move and plan for disposal.
- Keep all paperwork in a safe place.

How to Plan a DIY Move

- Ask friends and family for personal recommendations.
- Research truck rental prices in your area.
- Recruit friends and family to help you on moving day.
- Collect gloves, a back brace and/or knee pads for safe lifting.

Tips to Keep in Mind When Hiring a Professional Mover

- Never pay a deposit upfront.
- Never sign a blank contract.

