



Moving Tips

Here are a few ideas from Atlas Van Lines to keep you organized for your upcoming move:

- If you must move during the "peak" summer season, try to choose a date off the month end - the last few days of June and August are the busiest moving days of the year.
- Never plan to move in on your "closing" day. Sometimes there are delays in the closing or the former owners may be later moving out which means having the moving truck sitting idle running up extra charges.
- Go through your home from top to bottom before the moving consultant comes in to do their survey. Decide exactly what is being moved and what will be sold or discarded. Make a list of the items you are not taking and discuss it with the moving consultant.
- If some items on your "not to go" list are not sold or given away, inform your mover before loading day so that they can adjust your estimate. Remember you pay for what you ship, not what you planned to ship.
- If you are doing some or all of your own packing, arrange to get started well in advance of the move. Packing is much harder work than most people realize and unless you do it for a living, it will take you longer than you expect.
- If you are doing some or all of your own packing arrange to purchase cartons and other supplies from your Atlas representative. They are available at a nominal cost and are much stronger than cartons from the grocery store. Do not over pack boxes.
- Dispose of all flammables such as cleaning fluids, aerosol cans. Your Atlas representative can provide you with a list of "non-admissible" items. Drain your lawn mower and other machinery before your move.
- Make sure you have /or obtain written appraisal for antiques and high value artwork to verify their value prior to the move. Provide a copy to your Atlas moving consultant.
- Plan to clean your freezer and refrigerator at least 24-48 hours prior to the move in order to give these appliances time to properly dry. Put a charcoal filter or baking soda fridge pack to keep the appliance fresh and leave lids and doors open until they are dry.
- Appliances like washers and items like grandfather clocks need special servicing before and after the move. Make arrangements with a licensed service person or ask your Atlas moving consultant to make the arrangements on your behalf.
- Movers do not remove items affixed to ceilings and walls so if you are taking drapery track, curtain rods, blinds or other such items, remove them before the packers/movers arrive.
- You can leave lightweight items in dresser drawers but do not put books or other heavy items in them. Be sure to remove valuables like jewellery and fragile items including bottles of perfume.
- Arrange for young children and pets to be cared for on packing, loading and delivery days.