

# GUIDE TO ITEMS PROFESSIONAL MOVERS CAN'T LEGALLY MOVE

When planning a move, it's essential to know that there are some items professional movers can't transport due to safety regulations and legal restrictions. This guide will walk you through what not to pack on the moving truck and provide helpful tips on how to manage these items to ensure a smooth, worry-free move.

## ITEMS THAT MOVERS LEGALLY CANNOT MOVE

### 1. HAZARDOUS OR DANGEROUS MATERIALS

Safety regulations prevent professional movers from transporting items that could pose a danger. These include flammable, explosive, or toxic substances that could endanger both people and property during transit. Examples include:

- **Car Batteries and Gasoline:**  
These items are flammable and can pose a severe risk.
- **Household Cleaners:**  
Items such as ammonia or bleach can be hazardous if spilled.
- **Paints, Thinners, and Aerosol Cans:**  
These are highly flammable.
- **Fireworks, Matches, and Propane Tanks:**  
Anything with explosive or flammable potential must stay off the moving truck.

**Tip:** Dispose of or donate these items before moving day. If you need to transport them, check with a specialized hazardous materials carrier.

### 2. FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

Although the specifics vary by state, moving companies generally cannot transport firearms or ammunition. If you're a gun owner, consider these options:



- **Unloaded Rifles and Shotguns:**

In some cases, movers may accept unloaded long arms, but always verify with your mover beforehand.

- **Licensed Firearm Dealers:**

For a safe and legal transfer of multiple firearms or large amounts of ammunition, consider working with a licensed dealer who can ship them for you.

**Tip:** If you're transporting firearms yourself, be sure to research each state's regulations for crossing state lines with firearms and ammunition.



### **3. HIGH-VALUE OR IRREPLACEABLE ITEMS**

While movers can transport most belongings, it's recommended that you handle high-value and irreplaceable items personally. These include:

- **Jewelry, Collectibles, and Antiques:**

Items with high sentimental or monetary value are best kept with you.

- **Important Documents:**

Take your passports, wills, birth certificates, and other critical documents with you rather than leaving them on the moving truck.

**Tip:** Transporting these items yourself ensures peace of mind and keeps your valuables secure.





#### 4. PETS

Moving trucks are not equipped to transport live animals, so pets should never be included in a professional move. Instead, plan to bring pets with

**Tip:** Prepare a travel kit for your pets with food, water, medications, and comforting items, especially if the journey is long.



#### 5. HOUSEPLANTS

Many movers won't accept houseplants, partly because trucks don't provide the light, water, and airflow plants need. Additionally, certain states have restrictions on transporting plants across state lines to prevent the spread of pests or invasive species.

**Tip:** Plan to transport your plants in your vehicle or gift them to friends or neighbors if moving them yourself isn't feasible.



#### **4. PERISHABLE FOODS**

Movers typically won't transport perishable foods, as they can spoil and attract pests. Generally, non-perishable items like canned goods are allowed, but it's best to consume or donate any perishables before moving day.

**Tip:** Prepare a travel kit for your pets with food, water, medications, and comforting items, especially if the journey is long.

#### **Additional Considerations**

- **Electronic Devices:** Movers can transport electronics, but keep in mind that temperature-sensitive equipment could be affected by prolonged exposure to hot or cold conditions.
- **Medications:** Transport your prescription medications personally to ensure they're easily accessible in case of emergencies during the move.

#### **Preparing for a Smooth Move**

Knowing what items can and cannot be loaded on the moving truck will save you time and stress on moving day. By managing these restricted items in advance, you can focus on a safe and efficient move. If you're unsure about specific items, don't hesitate to reach out to your moving company for clarification.

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