

Starving Artists Movers

Moving Tips

*Hints and tips on how to save money
and reduce stress*

We carry a full-line of packaging boxes and materials for sale, and occasionally we have used boxes which are available for purchase at approximately half the price of new ones.

We also offer packing and unpacking services. If you'd like help with packing, please let us know well ahead of your move, so we can add time for packing prior to your move.

- Pack your items in uniform size boxes: small boxes for books, larger boxes for lighter objects.
- Use wardrobe boxes for hanging closet items (one box can hold up to two (2) feet of closet space).
- Don't over-stuff or under-stuff your boxes. When they close, they should be flat and firm.
- Tape your boxes well (don't rely on the flaps to hold them shut).
- Have everything packed before we arrive. We can bring boxes with us on the day of your move if you let us know you need them.
- To save time, and if you're able, bring boxes up from the basement and/or down from the upper floor and place them where they can be easily reached, bearing in mind that you need to keep open and safe pathways for our crew, both inside and outside the premises.
- If your dresser drawers are removable, you can leave them packed, with soft things only.
- Do your best to decide in advance where you'll want your belongings placed in your new location and, when possible, label them accordingly.
- Be present and available during the entire move with clear directions. By being a conscientious "air traffic controller" you can make your move go more smoothly and efficiently.
- Personally move small electronics, valuable documents, pets, plants, and delicate items in your own vehicle.
- Label and/or color code your boxes. To help us move you quickly, we recommend placing colored stickers on the sides of each box you're moving. We also suggest labeling your boxes so you know what's in them.
- Let us do our jobs. We know what needs to happen to transport your goods safely and most cost-effectively. Our crews are trained on how to load our trucks, in which order, and how to secure your Goods during transport. We know when adding an extra crew member (or more) will make the job less costly in the long run. When we're free to get on with our work, your move will go as smoothly as possible.

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- If you need to move Goods of rare and/or unusual value (such as antiques or unique pieces), please notify us in advance of your move date. You may also wish to check your homeowners insurance, as you might already have coverage for some, or all, of these rare/unusual Goods.

Odds & Ends:

- You can help with the move, but please know the following:
 - You aren't permitted on the moving truck(s) or the ramps that lead to and from them.
 - Our crews are permitted to carry your Goods only with other crew members.
 - If you help with any part of the move, other than directing our crew members and placing boxes as mentioned in an earlier tip, we are excluded from liability, per our Contract (see Exclusion of Liability).
- **Tipping.** Tipping in the moving business is not as customary as tipping in restaurants or taxis. However, if you feel you have been treated especially well, a tip of 5-10% of the entire bill is common. You can give a tip to your Foreman who will split it equally with the crew, unless you've otherwise directed how you'd like your tip to be dispersed.
- **Storage.** There are times when one or more pieces of your Goods unexpectedly won't fit into your new location. If that happens, we can store those Goods for you in our heated, pest controlled, and security protected warehouse at 134B Hall Street in Concord, NH. If you want to store all or some of your Goods, whether or not connected with a move, just give us a call for more information.
- **Pack "Open First" boxes.** Once you've moved, you might need a few items to make your first few days in your new place as comfortable as possible. Some suggested items:
 - prescription medications
 - checkbook
 - spare keys
 - computer(s), phone(s), tablet(s) and related chargers
 - bedding
 - items of personal hygiene (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)
 - paper plates, napkins, towels, toilet paper, soap, and utensils.

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