

Consumer Corner

Tips On Making A Do-It-Yourself Move

(NAPSA)—For a growing number of families, relocating has become a “moving experience.” That’s because whether they’re going across town or across the country, they’re choosing to move themselves. For some, it’s a way to have more control over the process. For others, it can add up to significant savings.

To help you take part in this trend, here are some tips from the professionals at an industry-leading company—Penske.

- **Rent from experts.** Renting trucks from knowledgeable professionals can help ensure that your move is smooth and easy. “Moving is one of life’s most stressful moments,” said Don Mikes, vice president of truck rental for Penske. “Our goal is to help guide people through their journey.”

- **Select smart.** A 12- or 16-foot truck can be a very versatile size—excellent for moving everything from a few large items or the contents of a small condo or apartment.

- **Reserve early.** Book your rental truck at least two weeks in advance.

- **Pack wisely.** Load your heaviest items first. Avoid injury by always bending your knees and lifting with your legs.

- **The right accessories can make a difference.** Boxes, bubble wrap, moving blankets and hand trucks are essential to protect your items and make your move more enjoyable.

- **Mark it up.** Label as you pack. It makes it easier to put the boxes in the right room when unloading.



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- **Think safety first.** Rental trucks are taller, wider, heavier and require more stopping distance than cars.

Pick up your truck early. Practice driving. Take precautions when the truck is loaded. Beware of low-hanging branches and overhangs when cornering. Park in well-lit areas—and padlock the rear door.

Penske Truck Rental has 24/7 emergency roadside assistance and optional protection plans.

- **Get oriented.** Ask the truck rental associate to walk you through the vehicle’s features. It should be a clean and well-maintained vehicle.

- **Drive green.** Use a truck rental company affiliated with EPA’s SmartWay program. A little preparation goes a long way to ensure an easier—and safe—move.

More free moving tips are available at www.PenskeTruckRental.com.