



Hire a Professional Mover versus Do It Yourself Move

Most people think they will save money when they move themselves. When weighing the pros and cons of a Do It Yourself (DIY) move, it is not the case. A recent market survey asked DIY movers if they would do it on their own again – 4 out of 5 said No.

Cost Comparison: Move from Los Angeles, CA to Chicago, IL
2-Bedroom Home, plus 1 Motorcycle and 2 Scooters
Totaling 8,000 Pounds

Do It Yourself (DIY)		Full Service Move	
Truck Rental (26 ft)	\$3,109	Full Service Move	\$6,497
Packing and Materials ⁽¹⁾	\$2,100	Packing and Materials	\$1,143
Loading Labor	\$600 (3 men)	Loading Labor	Included
Driving the Truck to new Home	Your Risk and Responsibility	Driving the Truck to new Home	Included
Unloading Labor	\$600 (3 men)	Unloading Labor	Included
Fuel	\$608	Fuel	Included
Transit Protection for Belongings	Unknown	Transit Protection for Belongings ⁽²⁾	\$361
Vacation/Personal Time from Work	8 days	Vacation/Personal Time from Work	3 days
Total	\$7,017	Total	\$8,001

DIY Cons

- Misinterpreting the Scope of the Move
 - Improper furniture protection and poorly packed cartons
 - Inadequate protection of motorcycle and scooters for transit
- Navigating the Challenges of Driving a Rental Truck
 - Are you prepared to drive an older straight truck cross country?
 - Rental truck will likely have to stop at all weigh stations
- Safety Concerns
 - Action plan if the truck breaks down on highway
 - If repairs aren't possible, all the contents are unloaded and loaded onto a new truck
- Travel Expense
 - Cost of fuel, lodging, meals, tolls and parking on the road
 - Time off work
- Personal Injury
 - You assume all liability
 - Significant exposure in an accident
- Transit Protection
 - Do you have enough coverage for your belongings in transit?

(1) DIY requires rental or purchase of moving equipment and supplies (furniture pads, 2 and 3 wheel dollies and floor protection materials) which are standard in a full service move.

(2) Equates to \$50,000 of transit protection with a zero deductible.