

MOVING COSTS CHECKLIST: BUDGET & EXPENSES GUIDE

Plan smart. Budget well. Move stress-free.



CREATE YOUR MOVING BUDGET

List all expected expenses

Better to overestimate

Research costs

movers, truck rentals, packing supplies, travel

Additional Costs

parking, tolls, insurance, new IDs, deposits

Use a budget template

to stay organized

Set aside a contingency fund

for surprises

TYPES OF MOVES & COST DIFFERENCES

Local Move

Hourly rate or flat fee

\$800 - \$2,500

Long-Distance Move

Weight & Distance

\$2,200 - \$5,700

Interstate Move

Weight & Distance

\$2,200 - \$16,900



MOVERS VS. DIY

Professional Movers

Pros: insured, trained, handle heavy/fragile items, save time
Cons: costlier, less control

DIY Move

Pros: cheaper, flexible schedule, full control
Cons: physical labor, time-consuming, potential safety risks

MOVING VEHICLES

Types of Vehicles

Truck Rental: Large, ideal for full household moves
Van Rental: Smaller, easier in cities, cost-effective
Trailer Rental: Use if you have towing capacity

PACKING SUPPLIES ESSENTIALS



Sturdy boxes (various sizes)



Bubble wrap, packing paper, plastic wrap



High-quality packing tape



Labels & markers for organization

MOVING SUPPLIES TO CONSIDER



Dollies (utility, appliance, furniture)



Ramps for smooth loading/unloading



Moving blankets for protection

ADDITIONAL MOVING EXPENSES



TRAVEL: LODGING, MEALS, FUEL



HOUSING: TEMPORARY HOUSING COSTS



INSURANCE UPGRADES



STORAGE RENTAL FEES



HIRING EXTRA HELP OR CLEANING SERVICES



POSSIBLE DEPOSITS, REAL ESTATE FEES, OR CANCELLATION FEES

PACKING & UNPACKING EXPENSES



Packing: materials + professional labor
Unpacking: organizing belongings in new home
Costs vary by move size and complexity

CLEANING & REPAIRS



Professional cleaning (\$100-\$400)
Minor repairs before moving out

EVALUATE & COMPARE MOVING ESTIMATES

Get quotes from 3+ movers

Understand binding vs. non-binding estimates

Check included services and fees carefully

QUICK TIPS TO SAVE

- Downsize & donate to reduce weight
- Move during off-season for better rates
- Use reputable moving cost calculators

Need help budgeting your move?
Try our free moving cost calculator for an accurate estimate!