

Go Pro! Professional Moves vs. DIY Myths Debunked

A recent market survey asked DIY movers if they would do it on their own again – 4 out of 5 said No.

Although most people consider DIY moves for its low-cost reputation, they usually wind up surprised when they find the option costing almost as much as a full-service move. They're expending more time and energy to get the job done and experiencing unnecessary headaches (and backaches!) along the way.

Here is a sample price comparison from a move in April 2020:

Origin: San Diego, CA Destination: Boise, ID Size: 3-Bedroom Home Est. Weight: 10,000 lbs	Do It Yourself (DIY)		Full Service Move	
	Truck Rental	\$4,366	Full Service Move	\$5,692
	Packing Expense	\$2,100	Packing Expense	\$2,800
	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	\$300	Fuel	Included
	Transit Protection for Belonging	Unknown	Transit Protection for Belonging	\$439
	Vacation/Personal Time from Work	7 Days	Vacation/Personal Time from Work	3 days
	Total	\$7,966	Total	\$8,931

And then there are the additional risks and challenges you need to consider when undertaking a DIY move:

- Personal injury or accident where you would need to assume all liability
- Safety risks of a breakdown on your journey - you may have to reload onto a new truck
- Personal cost for lodging, meals and tolls on the road
- Transit protection - do you have insurance coverage to protect your belongings should something happen on the road?
- Weigh stations - do you know the rules for weigh stations for each state you'll be driving through? Failing to stop at a weigh station is illegal in some cases in some states.

Trust your move to Allied, it's not that more expensive and it sure will save you a lot of headaches.

Cost Comparison Table

Helping you make the right decision.

	Allied Van Lines	Mover #2	Mover #3
Estimated Weight			
Packing			
Valuation/Coverage			
Customization (Crating, Shuttle, etc.)			
Performance (Reference, Qualifications, etc.)			
Price			
Service Dates			
Other			
Other			
Other			

Things to remember

