

Atlas Transfer & Storage

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Hire a Professional Mover versus Do It Yourself Move

Most people think they will save a lot of money if they decide to do the move themselves. When you weigh all the pros and cons for 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 San Diego, CA to Boise, ID
3-Bedroom Home Totaling 10,000 Pounds

| 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 Belongings | Unknown | Transit Protection for Belongings ⁽¹⁾ | \$439 |
| Vacation/Personal Time from Work | 7 days | Vacation/Personal Time from Work | 3 days |
| Total | \$7,966 | Total | \$8,931 |

DIY Cons

- Misinterpreting the Size of the Move
 - Rental truck is too small or too big
 - Improper furniture protection and poorly packed cartons
- Navigating the Challenges of Driving a Rental Truck
 - Are you prepared to drive a dated 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 gas, lodging, meals, parking and tolls 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?

