

What Items Will Movers Not Transport?



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What items are movers not allowed to move?

Movers typically won't transport items that are dangerous, perishable, or irreplaceable. These include hazardous materials, food, live animals, and important personal documents.

Always check with your [moving company](#) beforehand to avoid delays or complications.

Examples of items not allowed:

- Gasoline, propane, kerosene
- Fireworks, explosives, ammunition
- Fresh food or open containers
- Personal identification and medical records
- Jewellery, cash, collectible coins

Do movers transport hazardous materials?

No, licensed movers do not transport hazardous materials due to health, safety, and legal regulations.

These materials pose risks of explosion, fire, or contamination, and require specialist handling and disposal.

Examples include:

- Paints and paint thinners
- Bleach and household cleaners
- Pesticides and fertilizers
- Car batteries and acids

Can movers take flammable or explosive items?

No, flammable and explosive items are strictly prohibited by moving companies.

They can combust under heat or pressure, endangering the moving crew and cargo.

Commonly restricted flammables:

- Fireworks
- Lighter fluid
- Gas cylinders
- Aerosols and spray paints

Will moving companies transport plants?

Most movers will not transport plants, especially during long-distance or interstate moves.

Plants can wilt, die, or spread pests during transit. Regulations may also restrict cross-border plant transport.

Alternatives:

- Give away or donate plants
- Transport in your personal vehicle
- Use professional plant couriers

Are perishables like food allowed during a move?

Movers typically do not transport perishable food items due to spoilage risk and contamination.

This includes fresh produce, dairy, meat, and open or partially used items.

Best practice:

- Consume or donate food before the move
- Use coolers if driving your own vehicle

Can I pack valuables like jewellery and cash with the movers?

No. It is advised to carry all valuable and sentimental items yourself.

[movers](#) often exclude liability for valuables due to potential loss, theft, or damage.

Keep with you:

- Jewellery
- Cash
- Passports and IDs
- Family heirlooms

Do moving companies move pets or live animals?

Professional movers do not transport pets or live animals for safety and welfare reasons.

Your pet's health, temperature needs, and care requirements make it unsuitable for moving trucks.

Tips for moving with pets:

- Use a secure pet carrier in your own vehicle
- Plan frequent stops for water and breaks
- Consider specialised pet transport services

Are firearms and ammunition allowed in moving trucks?

In most cases, firearms and ammunition are not allowed in moving vehicles.

Laws vary by region, and transporting weapons typically requires a licensed firearm transporter.

What to do:

- Check local and national laws
- Use certified firearm shipping companies
- Transport firearms personally if legally permitted

What documents should I carry with me instead of [packing](#)?

Carry all important personal, legal, and medical documents with you.

These are irreplaceable and often needed during the move or shortly after settling in.

Documents to keep on hand:

- Passports, IDs, and visas
- Birth/marriage certificates
- Medical records and prescriptions
- Bank details and insurance papers

How can I find out what my moving company won't move?

Ask your movers for a written list of restricted or prohibited items before the move.

This list is often included in the contract or provided as a pre-move checklist. Never assume—always confirm.

Pro Tip:

- Request a copy of your mover’s “non-allowables” list
- Clarify gray areas like sealed food or alcohol
- Ask about [insurance for borderline items](#)

Ready for a Stress-Free Move?

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