

## Moving Appliances

Preparation is key when it comes to moving your appliances. It is important to know your responsibilities as well as what we as movers will take care of. As movers, we will handle the transporting of your appliances from your home into your new residence. The servicing of your appliances for the move (both at origin and destination) is your responsibility, unless you have requested that we make these arrangements on your behalf.

Therefore, it is your responsibility to:

- Take care of the servicing of your appliances yourself; or
- Hire a technician to service your appliances; or
- Request that we make these arrangements for you for an additional charge.

Here is a guide to what is required when moving appliances:

### **Small appliances (Blenders, Toasters, etc)**

These should be packed in boxes, two to three in a box. Ensure that the bottom of the carton is securely taped and padded with packing paper, or towels and sheets. The appliances should be padded well all around them with packing paper, towels or sheets with another layer of packing material on top.

### **Medium-sized appliances (Microwave and Convection Ovens)**

Medium-sized appliances should also be placed in cartons, with the bottoms securely taped. Glass trays should be removed, wrapped and securely packed in a separate box. The bottom of the carton should be padded with packing paper. Place the appliance in the middle of the carton and pad around the appliance and on top. Secure the top of the box and mark the box with its contents.

### **Washing Machine**

- Clean and dry washing machine thoroughly
- Turn off water faucets, disconnect and drain hoses.
- Wrap metal connector ends of hoses in a towel and place inside the washer.
- Secure the tub according to the manufacturer guidelines to prevent swaying. There are many washer moving kits available from various appliance manufacturers. Of you prefer not to handle this yourself, we can arrange for third party servicing.
- At your new residence, have your washer connected by a qualified installer.

### **Clothes Dryer**

- Before cleaning, unplug or turn off the dryer from electrical power.
- Clean the lint screen.
- Disconnect the electrical supply to the dryer. If you are moving a gas dryer, the dryer should be disconnected and the gas line capped by a qualified service technician. The van operator and crew members are not qualified to perform this service. We can make third party arrangements on your behalf.

## Dishwasher

- Leave the door open for several hours to make sure the dishwasher is dry
- Remove all dishes and tape down racks and silverware basket.
- Shut off the electric and water supplies.
- Disconnect and drain the water inlet line, water valve, and hoses. Wrap dry hoses with towels or packing paper and place inside the washer.
- Close, lock and tape the door shut.
- Tape the hose and cord to the dishwasher.

## Refrigerator

- Turn off the refrigerator according to instructions and unplug it.
- Secure all loose plastic parts. Glass shelves should be removed, cleaned and carefully packed
- Make sure the refrigerator is completely empty and clean
- Leave the door open for at least 24 hours to allow all moisture to evaporate.
- If there is a water dispenser and or ice maker, a plumber may be needed to disconnect it (or we can arrange for the servicing). Empty the water reservoir.
- Remove handles if the refrigerator does not fit through the door of your old or new home.
- Tape doors shut securely with masking tape or duct tape.
- At destination, ice makers and water dispensers must be connected to a water line. Installation service or parts can be obtained from an authorized dealer for your appliance.

## Range

- Remove broiler pans and racks from oven and remove surface grates on gas ranges.
- Remove or tape down all knobs.
- For electric ranges normally no servicing is required at origin.
- Gas ranges must be disconnected prior to moving by a qualified service technician. A qualified gas installer will also be needed at destination to check the gas supply, connect the range to the gas line, seal any openings, light the pilot light and handle any other hookup procedures.

## Freezers

Freezers should be empty during a move for several reasons:

- The food may defrost during transport regardless of the precautions taken, therefore frozen foods will almost certainly deteriorate on a moving van.
- The weight of the food in the freezer during the move can crack plastic shelves or the molding inside the freezer.
- Unforeseen delays in delivery (such as if there is a truck breakdown) would cause food to spoil and create bad odors which may be my impossible to eliminate and make the freezer unusable.



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