

Moving Your Pets & Plants



Moving Your Pets

Your family pet will require special attention and care during a move. Both getting to the new location and settling into the new home can be difficult on a pet and will take some time. By planning ahead, you can make the journey easier for both you and your pet.

First, make sure your pet has an up-to-date identification tag. Contact your vet and explain where and when you are moving. Rely on advice from the vet to determine the best mode of transport and whether the pet will need any special medication.

For information on state-specific laws about the entry of animals, contact the State Veterinarian or other appropriate authority in your new state.

If you are driving to your new home and your pet travels with you, be sure to have a leash and plenty of food and water available. Also, remember to check if pets are allowed in hotels en route. Pets are not permitted on buses and trains, with the exception of Seeing-Eye Dogs. Notify the bus or train company if a Seeing-Eye Dog will be accompanying you.

If you are transporting your pet by air, contact the airline for specifics on the care and handling requirements for live animals. Most airlines will sell you an approved shipping container or advise you if your pet can travel in a carrier under a seat in the cabin. Once you and your pet reach your new home, you can help your pet adjust by introducing familiar items from your previous home, such as toys, blankets, dishes, etc.

Moving Your Plants

Houseplants are extremely sensitive to changes and normally do not do well when moved. If you decide to move your plants, you must take special precautions to ensure safe transport. You can check with a local florist or greenhouse for suggestions on how to help them thrive during a transition.

Some states either restrict interstate transportation of plants or prohibit some varieties. Be sure to check the regulations in your new state and arrange for inspection of your houseplants by an authorized State Department of Agriculture inspector. This inspection must take place no later than two weeks before moving.

Because of State regulations, please note that Arpin Van Lines can't be responsible for plants that are included in your shipment. If you have plants, we will ask you to sign a waiver releasing Arpin Van Lines of any liability.

If you decide to take your plants in your vehicle, keep in mind that variations in temperature and humidity can damage the plants. They will do best if transported in the car and not in the trunk as all plants need some light and air.

Because plants are delicate and don't like to be moved, you may want to consider finding a new home for your plants and replacing them in your new location. Another option if you are traveling a short distance, is to take cuttings from your plants that can be repotted. Most cuttings survive for several days if kept in a plastic bag containing damp peat moss or similar materials.