

Pitfalls of On-Line Estimates

- 1) Inaccurate determination of weight—this is the basis of all other calculations in the estimate. If you start off wrong you will never recover.
- 2) Unable to determine packing requirements—although there is an acceptable method of calculating the packing costs, it only applies to doing a complete pack and again it is weight based. A custom packing plan can be devised during the in-home estimate.
- 3) Special Requirements—Some items need special care for example: black lacquer dressers or pianos need to be wrapped in micro-foam to prevent scratching the finish; this could be found during the in-home estimate.
- 4) Crating--Some pictures, mirrors, marble tops and large glass tops need special wood boxes to be constructed to safely transport them. The object needs to be measured and the cubic feet determined to find the price.
- 5) Improper valuation of your belongings—This might seem like a small point but if damage occurs and you do not have the proper value and documentation it will become a BIG point.
- 6) Any moving company that requires a deposit should be avoided. Reputable companies normally accept payment at delivery.
- 7) Plasma or LCD TV's—These items require special handling and in many cases a third party is needed to properly package them. Options can be discussed during the in-home estimate.
- 8) You do not know who is on the sending end—It could be a scam artist, or a disreputable mover. Do they have just a few trucks but represent themselves as a larger company? Do they have interstate operating authority, a major van line affiliation or workman's compensation insurance? **KNOW WITH WHOM YOU ARE DEALING.**