



THE COLLEGE PARENT



Going Away To School Made Easier

(NAPSA)—While the emotional and financial aspects of sending your youngster away to college have been much discussed, what many parents really need to know is just how to get all the stuff from their kid's room at home to his or her room at school. Here are some hints that may help from the experts on moving at Penske Truck Rental:

• **Know what you need before you go.** Check with the student's roommate before leaving home to be sure you don't end up with two TVs and no refrigerator. Check with the school, too, about what objects may be forbidden (plastic trash cans, say) or required (such as specially sized sheets).

• **Send ahead.** You may be able to lighten your load a little by mailing some things to the school before you go or by buying appliances and electronics at chain stores that let you order near home or online and then pick up the actual items at stores near the school.

• **Pick the proper-size truck for your stuff.** Most college students can use a 12- or 16-foot truck for moving to their dorm room or off-campus apartment.

• **Reserve early.** Reserve the truck and any moving accessories at least two weeks in advance.

• **Pack smart.** Load the heaviest items first. To avoid injury, always bend your knees and lift with your legs, not your back.

• **Use accessories.** Boxes, packing tape, bubble wrap, moving blankets and hand trucks are essential moving tools.



Careful planning can help get your college student settled comfortably in his or her new room.

• **Safety and security.** Trucks are taller, wider and heavier than standard consumer vehicles. Drive more slowly and take extra precautions. Park in well-lit areas and padlock the rear door. Penske offers 24/7 emergency roadside assistance and optional protection plans.

• **Create a travel bag.** Don't pack everything on the truck. Keep important paperwork, credit cards, identification, change of clothes, drinks and snacks close at hand.

• **Pack strategically.** Dorm rooms are generally quite small but you can position your belongings strategically to fit more into less space. For example, lofting the beds can free up floor space. Putting the beds up on blocks can create room to store things underneath.

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