



# College Corner

## Tips On Managing A Student's Move Home

(NAPSA)—Students collect more than information—they also collect a lot of stuff. Fortunately, getting all that stuff home at the end of the semester doesn't have to be difficult.

To help with your student's next move, here are a few tips from the pros that know at Penske Truck Rental:

• **Reserve the right truck well in advance.** When it comes to moving out of a college dorm or an off-campus apartment, most students report that a 12- or 16-foot truck is adequate for the job.

It's likely that you are not the only one moving at the end of the semester, so try to reserve the truck and any accessories you will need at least two weeks in advance.

• **Get to know your truck before you hit the highway.** Taking the time to get to know your rental truck before you take off will pay off, especially on long moves. Also, don't forget that a truck is probably taller, wider and heavier than the vehicle you are used to driving. That means you may have to drive more slowly and take extra precautions, particularly on turns.

Also, for safety's sake, make sure you park in well-lit areas and keep a padlock on the rear door. In an emergency, remember that you can call Penske for 24/7 roadside assistance; Penske also offers optional protection plans.

• **Accessories can help keep the move organized.** Boxes, packing tape, bubble packing material, moving blankets and hand trucks can help to make the process a "moving experience" and make things go a lot more smoothly.

• **Don't use the truck to carry everything.** Items you



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may need to grab in a hurry, such as paperwork, credit cards, identification, a change of clothes, drinks and snacks should be kept close at hand in a travel bag with you in the cab.

• **Reaching the family home doesn't mean the move is over.** According to college counselors, students and their parents need to do four things once the truck is unpacked:

1. Both parents and students need to be realistic about house rules and responsibilities.

2. Compromise is everyone's friend. For example, curfew may no longer be appropriate, but parents may expect to be notified of late nights out.

3. Ordering a pizza at 2 a.m. may be "normal" at college, but in the family home, that's probably not the case. Having and keeping a sense of humor can help.

4. Take a deep breath, laugh and remember the arrangement is just temporary.

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