

# Moving Appliances



Understanding the proper way to get your appliances set and ready to move.



# Packing & Moving Tips - Appliances

## Moving Your Appliances

*Move It Now* will do all of the heavy work, the actual transporting of your appliances from your home into the moving truck, and then safely into your new residence.

However, the servicing of major appliances is an important activity for you to take care of before *Move It Now* can physically move your appliances.

## Servicing Your Appliances

"Servicing" means preparing appliances so they will safely withstand handling during transit or while in storage. This process can include bracing a washer tub, disconnecting an ice maker, capping off a gas line, and special handling of satellite dish components.

## Move It Now will provide:

Carefully, efficient handling of appliances during a move. Every effort is made to ensure that appliances reach destination safely.

#### Move It Now will not:

Disconnect appliances (ice maker, washer, dryer, etc.) or reconnect them in the new residence.

Disconnect utilities.

Repair appliances.

Remove or install window air conditioners or television/audio antennas.

Perform wiring, plumbing, electrical, or carpentry services.

## Servicing Prior to the Move

The owner assumes responsibility for having appliances properly serviced, both at origin and destination. It is best to have a reputable service representative prepare appliances for moving at least one day before they are to be loaded onto the moving truck.

### **Gas Company Service**

Arrangements must be with a gas company service representative to disconnect gas lines and secure caps to pipe ends.

### **Appliance Preparation**

Thorough cleaning and drying of appliances, particularly the refrigerator, freezer and range, are necessary. This is especially important if they will be in storage for any length of time.

Cleaning instructions are included in the owner's manual which accompanies most new appliances. If no instructions are available, use a mild detergent solution or use a solution of three quarts of warm water to which one tablespoon of vinegar has been added. Do not use harsh abrasives that will scratch or mark finishes. A soft cloth or vacuum cleaner will remove excess dust.

## Servicing Arrangement

*Move It Now* can arrange the servicing required for any/all appliances. This is an additional service which will be added to the invoice as an additional cost.

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# Refrigerator

### Note: If your owner's manual provides cleaning and servicing directions, please follow them.

## Cleaning:

Use a cloth and mild detergent to wipe off the exterior finish.

Before cleaning the interior, dispose of perishables and unplug the power cord.

Wash removable parts such as shelves and drawers with a mild detergent or in a solution of warm water and baking soda. Ice trays and ice storage bins should be washed in lukewarm water only.

Wash the interior walls and any non-removable parts with a mild detergent or baking soda solution.

Leave the door open for at least 24 hours. Allowing all moisture to evaporate. If your refrigerator is not a frost-free model, allow extra time to complete defrosting and drying.

Secure all plastic parts. Removable shelves should be cleaned, and carefully packed in a moving box for protection during transit.

Double check any compartments; be sure the appliance is totally empty and clean. A refrigerator which is not cleaned before transit can develop an unpleasant, permanent odor; making the appliance unusable at destination.

After cleaning, place an odor and mildew preventative in your refrigerator.

At the bottom of the refrigerator, remove the base covering and vacuum the condenser or compressor.

Empty and clean the evaporator pan; allow time for it to dry.

## Servicing:

Turn off the water and disconnect the water line if you have a cold water dispenser or automatic ice maker. You should also empty the water reservoir.

If your refrigerator is an older model, you may need to have the motor or compressor bolted down. The majority of refrigerators now are sealed units that do not require this service.

At destination, do not operate the refrigerator for at least 24 hours after delivery. This allows the oil time to settle, preventing possible damage to the compressor.

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. Copper tubing, a shutoff valve and fittings may be required. Once your ice maker is in service, dispose of the first few batches of ice because of possible impurities from opening a water line.

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## Freezer

### Note: If your owner's manual provides cleaning and servicing directions, please follow them.

As part of Move It Now's policy, we don't transport frozen foods which helps to safeguard you and your family's health. Ideally, freezers should be empty during a move for the following reasons:

Home freezers were not designed to be used as shipping containers.

The weight of food during the move can crack plastic shelves or the molding inside the freezer.

Frozen foods are highly perishable. There is no way to ensure that the freezer temperature will remain at a safe level during transit.

## Cleaning:

Use a cloth and mild detergent to wipe off the exterior finish.

Before cleaning the interior, dispose of perishables and unplug the power cord.

Wash removable parts such as shelves and drawers with a mild detergent or in a solution of warm water and baking soda. Ice trays and ice storage bins should be washed in lukewarm water only.

Wash the interior walls and any non-removable parts with a mild detergent or baking soda solution.

Leave the door open for at least 24 hours. Allowing all moisture to evaporate. If your freezer is not a frost-free model, allow extra time to complete defrosting and drying.

Secure all plastic parts. Removable shelves should be cleaned, and carefully packed in a moving box for protection during transit.

Double check any compartments; be sure the appliance is totally empty and clean. A freezer which is not cleaned before transit can develop an unpleasant, permanent odor; making the appliance unusable at destination.

After cleaning, place an odor and mildew preventative in your freezer.

At the bottom of the freezer, remove the base covering and vacuum the condenser or compressor.

## Servicing:

Remove perishable items. Disconnect from power source and allow ample time for defrosting and drying.

If your freezer is an older model, you may need to have the motor or compressor bolted down. Most new models now are sealed units that do not require this service.

At destination, do not operate the freezer for at least 24-hours after delivery. This allows the oil time to settle, preventing possible damage to the compressor.

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# Oven Range

Note: If your owner's manual provides cleaning and servicing directions, please follow them.

## Cleaning:

Wipe off the outer surface of the range with a mild detergent.

Detach and wash in hot soapy water any removable parts such as knobs, drip pans, grates, broiler pan and oven racks.

Plug-in coils for an electric range should not be immersed in water; spills on these units normally burn away as heated.

If your range top can be raised, clean the area underneath with hot soapy water.

Clean all removable items after final use. Wrap and pack in a moving box or the storage compartment on the range.

Clean the oven. Before using any cleaning sprays/chemicals inside your oven, determine if it is self-cleaning. Be sure to follow guidelines listed in your owner's manual, or call the appliance manufacturer for information on our specific model.



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## Servicing:

*Gas Range:* Gas Range Ovens should be disconnected and the gas line capped off before moving day by a qualified service technician. At destination, you will need a qualified gas installer to check your gas supply, connect the range to the gas line, seal any openings, light the pilot and handle any other hook-up procedures.

*Electric Range*: Generally no servicing at origin is required. However when you reach destination, have your power supply checked for the current electrical requirements. Certain ranges, such as those with air-ventilated grills, vary on the voltage they require.

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# Dishwasher

Note: If your owner's manual provides cleaning and servicing directions, please follow them.

### Cleaning:

Wipe off the control panel with a dampened cloth.

An appliance polishing wax can be lightly applied to the cabinet finish.

The interior normally does not need cleaning unless you see a buildup of food or soap.

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Leave the door open for several hours to ensure that the appliance is thoroughly dry.

### Servicing:

Shut off the electric and water supplies.

Disconnect and drain the water inlet line and water valve.

Sponge any remaining water from the bottom of the dishwasher (if applicable, removing any pump cover inside the appliance and wiping dry).

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# Washing Machine

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## Cleaning:

Use a soft cloth and appliance cleaner to wipe off the exterior.

On the inside, clean lint filter and tub with a soft dry cloth.

Leave the lid open for 24 to 48 hours to allow any moisture to evaporate.

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## Servicing:

Turn off water faucets, disconnect and drain hoses.

Wrap the metal connector ends of hoses in a towel and place inside the washer.

To ensure the safe transport of your washer, it should be serviced to prevent swaying of the tub.

Regardless of the time of year you move, all water should be drained from the tub.

After your move, be sure to have the washer connected by a qualified installer.



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# Clothes Dryer

Note: If your owner's manual provides cleaning and servicing directions, please follow them.

## Cleaning:

Unplug the dryer or turn off the electrical power to the appliance.

Remove any debris from the lint screen with your fingers or a dry paper towel. Do not use water on the screen.

Wipe off the exterior with an appliance cleaner and soft damp cloth.

Remove dust from the interior with a damp sponge.

### Servicing:

Disconnect the electrical supply to the appliance.

*Gas Dryer*: Gas dryers should be disconnected and the gas line capped off before moving day by a qualified service technician. At destination, use a qualified installer who is familiar with requirements for a gas dryer as well as the exhaust system.

*Electric Dryer:* Generally no servicing at origin is required. However when you reach destination, have your power supply checked for the current electrical requirement required.

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## Thank You for Choosing Move It Now



"We will make sure your move is the best experience you can have. Our professional moving crews are well-trained and courteous and will care for your belongings as if they were theirs.

Our mission is to simplify your move and to provide superior customer service during your relocation process." – Ken Slama, Move It Now



Our customers would gladly recommend Move It Now to their family and friends or use us for their next move!

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