

An Extra Mile Infographic

HOW MUCH SHOULD YOU TIP YOUR MOVER?



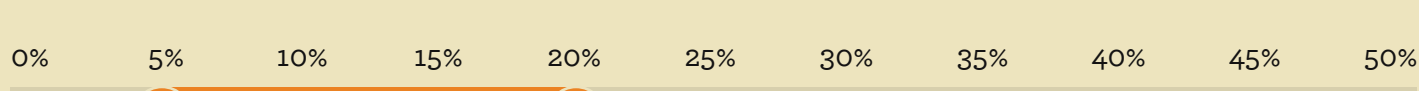
The first time you cram your car with cardboard boxes and spend the day lugging everything you own up five flights of stairs, it's sort of fun. But after you've moved yourself a few times, you start to think about how nice it might be to have someone else do it for you.

Letting professionals do the heavy lifting can help make the entire process go more smoothly and give you time to concentrate on all the other little moving details. Like, for example, worrying about the do's and don'ts of tipping your movers...

So, do you have to tip your mover? Tipping is never required, but most people would agree that if your mover is competent and professional, they deserve a tip for a job well done. So how much should you give?

It can be easier to give them a percentage of the overall fee, divided by the total number of workers on the moving crew.

Generally, you should tip between 5% and 20% of the total fee. The exact percentage should depend on four key factors:



Overall Mover's Performance



Time and Effort Required

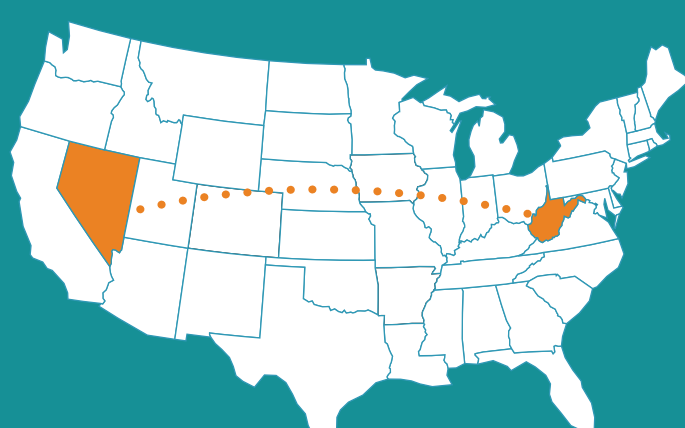


Regional Norms for Tipping



Level of Difficulty Involved

LOCAL VS. LONG DISTANCE



You should take the distance of your move into account when tipping your movers, but keep in mind that short trips can often be more difficult. For example, packing up a six bedroom home and moving it across town might be trickier than shipping a few boxes from an apartment across two states over.

Difficulty trumps distance when it comes to deciding how much to tip.

HOW TO TREAT YOUR MOVERS

Timing



- Be on time
- Stick to your schedule

Environment



- Provide water
- Offer sodas
- Manage the temperature or conditions

Communication



- Try not to micromanage
- Be clear and concise

Manners



- Say thank you!
- Be polite and respectful

ALTERNATIVES TO TIPPING

There are other ways to tip your mover. Do what is right for your situation and region:



Provide drinks and snacks



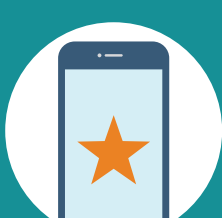
Buy lunch for them



Recommend them to others



A simple thank you!



Leave positive feedback

WHILE THERE IS NO OFFICIAL RULE FOR TIPPING, YOU CAN MAKE A FAIR JUDGEMENT WITH A FEW KEY CONSIDERATIONS. MOST IMPORTANTLY, BE SURE TO TREAT YOUR MOVERS WITH RESPECT AND CONSIDERATION - THEY WILL APPRECIATE THE EFFORT!



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