

CANADIAN RELOCATION, MOVING YOUR CAR

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Moving a car to your new home can be complicated and tiring especially if you're moving a long distance. Moving more than one car multiplies the challenge several times over.

MOVE IT OR SELL IT ?

Obviously, one option is to lighten the load before you move by selling one or more of your autos.

Some less obvious issues may confront you as you make this decision.

For example, emissions and safety standards vary from Province to Province. If there is any doubt that your car will pass the tests, you may be better off selling your car now and buying one in your new state that meets the requirements. If you are relocating from USA visit the Registrar of Imported Vehicles to find out what rules apply to your vehicle/s:

<http://www.riv.ca/>

Here is another place where you can find out about vehicle registration/tests and drivers license in all the provinces and territories:

<http://relocatecanada.com/driverslicence.html>

- Contact the vehicle office and ask:
- What tests your car must pass (i.e.,

safety inspection, emissions).

- What does testing cost?
- If you buy a used car, what tests are required? Who pays for the test the seller or the buyer? If you buy from a private party, are the required tests the same as they would be if you bought from a dealer?

Your insurance costs and transportation needs could change significantly in your new location because rates vary by region and vehicle type. You could suddenly face a stiff premium increase to insure a vehicle that really doesn't suit your new lifestyle. For example, the 4-wheel SUV that's practically a necessity in Alberta isn't as useful for a Vancouver climate that seldom see snow.

Selling your car or donating it to charity for a tax deduction is another alternative. Throughout Ontario the Canadian Diabetes Association is working with Car Heaven. Car Heaven is an initiative of the Clean Air Foundation in partnership with government, environmental organization and others concerned about air quality and the proper disposal of old vehicles.

Vehicles donated through the Car Heaven program are environmentally recycled. Donors receive a free tow (valued at \$200), a tax receipt and are entered into a draw for a chance to win a new Toyota Prius and other great prizes. For more information or to donate your old clunker to the Canadian Diabetes Association call 1-888-731-7311 or visit the Car Heaven website at:

<http://carheaven.ca>

CAR MOVING OPTIONS

If you decide to bring your car along with you on your move, you fortunately have several options to get it where you're going:

Option 1: Moving Your Car With Your Household Goods

You may be able to have your mover load your car onto the van along with your furniture and other household items. But this happens to be the expensive option because moving companies charge by weight, time, and distance, and your car is a heavy item.

Option 2: Moving Your Car Using a Professional Auto Mover

You will probably be happier using the services of a company that specializes in shipping automobiles. These companies are usually referred to as Auto Movers. They will transport your auto on an open truck (like the ones used to deliver new cars to dealers) or by special Rail Car.

COST

You will be able to get a quote based on your specific circumstances and needs. Costs to move an auto depend on several factors:

- Distance
- Make/Model

- Operating condition
- Weight/Size
- Services provided by Hauler
- Insurance coverage provided by Hauler

MONEY-SAVING OPTIONS

Terminal-to-terminal service can save you money over door-to-door service. A terminal is a hub where cars are loaded, unloaded, and transferred. Obviously, if you deliver your car to (or pick it up from) one of these terminals, you're saving the hauling company the trip to your house. This saves the hauler time, effort, and expense and saves you money, too.

When you speak with a representative, ask about terminal-to-terminal service and find out how close the terminals are to your departure and destination locations.

Also ask for a quote on the combination option (you deliver it or pick it up at one end, they pick it up or deliver it at the other end).

You can also save money by using your own auto insurance coverage instead of the hauler's coverage. Insurance carried by the transporter should include cargo and liability coverage (with no deductible) that insures your car for its full value. Check with your insurance agent about covering your car during shipment, and whether the transporter's coverage is adequate.

CHOOSING AN AUTO MOVER

When choosing an Auto Mover, ask a lot of questions and do some up-front research. Check into the Mover's credentials and track record by calling the Better Business Bureau or any trade organization the transporter is a member of. Ask for reference names of customers.

Ask for a Certificate of Insurance indicating full coverage so you can be sure your vehicle will be insured while in transit.

Insist on a written agreement and read it carefully. Ask questions if you are unsure of any item. Check to see if the company owns trucks or is only a broker that represents many haulers.

Make a value decision. Remember the old saying you get what you pay for. In the end, choose the company who is most likely to move your vehicle in a secure and timely fashion, while providing you with superior customer service.

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