



Plan Your Move - Load & Unload

Tips for Loading the Trailer

Loading a truck for a move might seem like a complicated process.

But if you approach it with a plan in place and know what hurdles you're facing, the process will go so much smoother.

Here are a few tips for loading your Old Dominion trailer:

Start by taking an inventory of your belongings; know how many heavy items you have and how many boxes you have

- From there, create a game plan for how you want to load the trailer
- Be sure to make sure any and all boxes are fully packed, but not overloaded
- Just before you plan to load the truck, place a sheet or even cardboard boxes on the floor of the trailer to provide an additional layer of protection
- When it comes time to load the truck, start by loading the heaviest items first, then move to the largest and bulkiest
- Consider borrowing or purchasing a dolly---preferably with straps---to help with the loading
- Be sure to put your heavier items toward the front of the trailer
- Please, use the ramp that comes with the service to help you load furniture and boxes into the trailer
- Be sure to cover any fragile items - such as couches or chairs - that are on the bottom of the pile
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- If there are gaps between your belongings, consider filling garbage bags with pillows, draperies, linens, towels or other light items and using them as cushioning between your belongings in your Old Dominion trailer
- Know what you can ship and what you can't; view a list of items that cannot be transported in your trailer
- If you are driving to your new destination, consider taking extra fragile items, keepsakes and electronics with you

Even if you are in a hurry, load at a steady, but methodical pace.



Tips for Unloading the Trailer

Congratulations. You're almost there. No doubt, you want to move in to your new home as quickly as possible. Just be sure to unload your trailer in an orderly fashion - just as you did when you were loading your trailer.

Here are a few tips for unloading your Old Dominion trailer:

- Before opening your trailer, create a game plan; know where you want to put items once you unload them from the truck; the front yard is not the ideal location, but perhaps a spare bedroom is
- Know that items may have shifted in transit, so be careful when you start moving items to unload them
- Please, use the ramp that comes with the service to help you unload furniture and boxes into the trailer
- Consider using a dolly to help unload larger and heavier items
- Just as you did when packing the trailer, unload at a steady, but methodical pace
- Move as many items as possible to their final locations within your home; that will save you from having to relocate them later
- Create a pile for plastic and cardboard that can be recycled when you're finished unloading the trailer
- When you're finished unloading your belongings, walk through the trailer to make sure you haven't left behind any small items; then sweep out the trailer before final pick-up.

Always ask for help. It seems there are always more items than you remember---and they all weigh more than you remember. Invite a group of friends over. Unloading the truck will go a lot quicker----and be a lot more fun