



MOVING ANTIQUES

Your antiques are prized and valuable possessions.

Naturally, you want to protect them from any possible damage and take extra care to ensure their safe transport. Below are some of the steps you can take to guard fragile items against harm and properly prepare them for packing and loading on a moving van.

Before the move:

Any item you own that is of extraordinary value should be appraised by a qualified person; It is advisable to get more than one appraisal. Obtaining an appraisal may also may be necessary to verify the value of your personal property for the transfer of your homeowner's insurance policy.

The best way to locate an appraiser is through a recommendation by an insurance agent, attorney or bank official. Membership in the American Society of Appraisers can be a sign of an appraiser's competence. Search on line for local appraisers in your area. Or you can request the "Directory of Certified Professional Personal Property Appraisers," which is a state-by-state referral list. To receive the most current issue, contact the American Society of Appraisers by mail at P.O. Box 17625, Washington, D.C. 20041, by telephone at 800-ASA-VALU (800-272-8258) or visit www.appraisers.org. Most appraisers either charge a flat fee or an hourly rate for services performed. Ask in advance.

In addition to obtaining an appraisal, make sure you have clear photographs of your antiques. You may also want to use a video camera to inventory the contents of each room.

At the time of the moving cost estimate, be sure to point out to the Sales Representative all high-value or fragile items such as grandfather clocks, silver or china sets so advance arrangement for crating and special packing can be made. Crates can be specially built to protect items with ornate trimming or a high risk of breakage.

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Protection plans

When meeting with your Von Paris Sales Representative, you will want to discuss the amount and type of valuation needed to protect your antiques. Most major moving companies offer several protection plans in the event of loss or damage.

To assure your articles of “extraordinary value” (items worth more than \$100 per pound) are not limited to minimal liability; complete the High-Value Inventory Form. Be sure to document any signatures, serial numbers or manufacture marks on your possessions.

Special cleaning

Before your belongings are packed, you may want to check antique items for any special cleaning that might be required.

- Check your local hardware, furniture store or antiques dealer for cleaning products and instructions for fine furniture.
- Avoid the use of any type of oil or wax product on wood furniture immediately before you move, especially if these items will be going into storage. Some products might soften the finish, making it vulnerable to imprinting from furniture pads.

If you are uncertain about the care of a particular antique piece, a local historical society or library might have books on the subject. An antiques dealer may have helpful hints as well.

Moving day

It is very important that you or an appointed representative be present on packing and moving days to identify items needing special handling and to answer any questions the Movers or Van Operators may have.

Most large, heavy pieces of furniture will be wrapped in thick pads and firmly secured inside the van to avoid shifting while in transit.

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Upon delivery

When you reach your new destination, carefully check the inventory of your household goods and antiques before signing for receipt. If any servicing or reassembly is required after you reach your new home, be sure to advise your Von Paris Customer Service Representative, who can make any necessary arrangements. Should there be any damage, carefully note this on the inventory form and contact your Von Paris Customer Service Representative for assistance.

Be sure to consult your Von Paris Sales Representative if you have special questions or concerns. Proper preparation prior to a move will ensure the enjoyment of your antiques for many years to come.