

Checklist for Moving with Indoor Plants: Expert Tips from a Professional Moving Company

A Few Weeks Before the Move

- **Check local regulations:** If you're moving to another state, verify whether certain plants are restricted due to agricultural or environmental regulations.
- **Inspect for pests and diseases:** Treat your plants for insects or mold to avoid spreading problems to your new home.
- **Repot into plastic containers:** Heavy ceramic pots may break during transport. A few weeks before the move, transfer plants into lightweight, unbreakable plastic pots.
- **Prune and tidy:** Trim excess foliage and remove dead leaves or stems to reduce plant stress and make packing easier.
- **Adjust watering routines:** Water moderately the week before moving day but avoid overwatering, which can cause root rot during transportation.

A Few Days Before the Move

- **Plan for temperature changes:** Keep plants away from drafts, direct sunlight, or heating vents.
- **Prepare transport boxes:** Line sturdy boxes with plastic or a small tarp, and cushion your plants with newspaper or packing paper to keep them secure.
- **Label everything clearly:** Mark boxes as "LIVE PLANTS – THIS SIDE UP" to ensure careful handling by movers.

Moving Day

- **Transport plants yourself if possible:** If you're moving locally, keeping plants in your own vehicle gives you greater control over temperature and care.
- **Protect from heat or cold:** Maintain a comfortable temperature in the car and avoid leaving plants inside for extended periods.
- **Handle with care:** Keep boxes upright and avoid stacking other items on top.

After the Move

- **Unpack plants right away:** They need fresh air and natural light as soon as possible.

- **Allow time to acclimate:** Some leaves may wilt or drop after the move—this is normal. Keep watering consistent and avoid immediate re-potting.
- **Return to original pots if needed:** Once the plants settle, transfer them back to decorative containers.

Extra Tips from Our Moving Experts

- Group small plants together in open boxes for easier carrying.
- Use paper collars around tall stems for added stability.
- Avoid packing plants in completely closed boxes for long trips—air circulation is important.
- Take special care with fragile species like orchids or succulents; they may require separate handling.



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