

## Full Service Move or Container — Which is Better?

Many consumers are turning to portable moving containers as an alternative to full service moving providers, but is it the best option? Usually a container is dropped off in the driveway and you have a period of time to pack and load your own belongings. When the items are loaded, drivers pick up the container and transport it to your new home where you unload and unpack. This might be a good option for you if you are storing items while the home is for sale, but is it the best option for the actual move? Below is a comparison of various moves ranging in size, weight, and distance.



MOVING SERVICE vs. CONTAINER SHIPMENT				
From	Bathe, ME	Gilbert, AZ	Stratford, TX	Oregon City, OR
To	Cheyenne, WY	Alpharetta, GA	San Francisco, CA	Meadville, PA
Move Size	2 bdrm home, lightly furnished	1 bdrm apt, very full	3 bdrm home, very full + basement	1 bdrm apt, average furnishing
Miles	2,073	1,765	1,387	2,576
Moving Service	\$4,654.92	\$2,514.96	\$4,223.62	\$2,173.00
Moving Service Damage Coverage	\$0 deductible, full replacement value	\$0 deductible, full replacement value	\$0 deductible, full replacement value	\$0 deductible, full replacement value
Container Shipment	Not available in the service area	\$3,007.76	\$5,198.08	\$3,576.26
Container Shipment Damage Coverage	No coverage	No coverage	No coverage	No coverage

What once was thought of as a cheaper solution is now very comparable. In fact, 3 out of the 4 moves were less expensive using a full service moving provider over a container shipment solution. The move to Meadville was not comparable at all as the container option was not available in the market area. In fact many container companies are limited to major metro areas and a few locations within those metro areas resulting in additional fees and even no services in some cities.

When considering a move across state lines it is imperative for consumers to investigate all of their options thoroughly. Call the Move Advocate today to find out how we help your clients compare moving company estimates, receive top notch service, and great rates.

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