

Out-of-State Plant Moving Tips

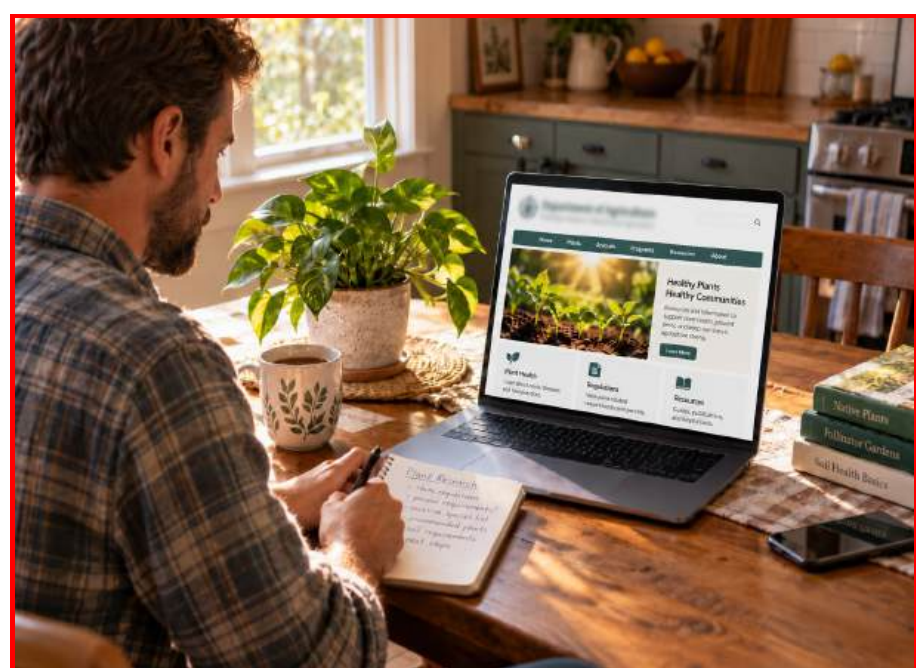
1. Decide Which Plants Are Worth Bringing Along

Some plants simply survive a long move better than others. Think honestly about which plants you should bring. A cutting from a favorite plant often survives a move better than the mature plant itself, and it takes up a fraction of the space.



2. Check State Rules Before You Pack a Single Pot

Several states inspect incoming plants at the border and require the soil and containers to meet specific standards. Look up your destination state's department of agriculture before your move date is finalized, not the week you're packing the truck.



3. Prepare Plants Several Weeks Before Moving Day

Start preparing plants two to three weeks out. Repot anything grown in outdoor or garden soil into fresh, sterile potting mix. Inspect every plant closely for pests, eggs, or signs of disease, and treat anything questionable before load day.



4. Pack Plants in the Car, Not the Truck

Plants generally travel best with you, not in the moving truck. A truck's interior can swing from very hot to very cold, and hours or days in a trailer with no light is hard on nearly any living plant. Water lightly a day or two before you leave.



5. Manage Temperature and Time, the Two Biggest Risks

Temperature swings and time spent in transit cause more plant losses than almost anything else on a long move. Keep plants in the passenger area, crack a window on hot days, and bring plants inside with you at hotel stops.



6. Where Long Distance Residential Movers Fit In

Most interstate movers will help you think through the logistics of a plant-friendly move, including flagging state-line rules and sequencing plant prep with your packing timeline. Ask your mover early about experience with your specific route.



7. Give Your Plants a Head Start

Plants reward early planning more than almost anything else on the list. Deciding what to bring, checking your destination state's rules, repotting into clean soil, and planning for temperature swings all take lead time.



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