



What Type of Truck Should I Expect on Moving Day?

Since every move is unique, movers may choose from a variety of moving trucks to best suit your needs on the big day.

No matter which type of truck is used for your move, you can trust that your movers will come prepared with all the necessary equipment—such as furniture pads, dollies, and ramps—to ensure a smooth and stress-free experience.

Here are a few common reasons why a vehicle other than a standard 53-foot tractor trailer might be used for your move.

Shipment Size

One of the key factors in selecting the right moving vehicle is the size of your shipment. For smaller moves, a straight truck or smaller trailer may be used. If your items are being transported in containers, a straight truck or flatbed truck might be assigned.

Time of Year

Peak Moving Season — If you scheduled your move with a United agent during a high-demand period (typically April through August), we may partner with our sister brand, Mayflower, to ensure truck availability and keep your move on track.

Winter Weather — Snow accumulation along the roads can sometimes prevent a tractor trailer from reaching your home. In such cases, a smaller shuttle vehicle may be used to transfer your belongings to the main moving truck.

City and Street Restrictions

- Restrictions on trucks 53 feet or longer
- Bridge weight limitations
- Low-hanging power lines
- Narrow or restricted street access
- Tight or obstructed driveways and limited clearance

If your street is deemed too narrow or restrictive for a tractor trailer, a smaller shuttle vehicle may be used to move your belongings from your home to the main moving truck. Please be aware that shuttle service may incur additional fees. For details, consult your move coordinator or representative.

Local Brands

Our agents are independently owned local moving companies that partner with United and Mayflower to offer interstate moving services under United's authority. To ensure a smooth and coordinated moving experience, agents may occasionally use trucks that feature their own local branding.

53 Foot Tractor Trailer



Straight Truck



Flatbed Truck

