

Rental trucks can help students move their stuff — for a price

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There's one thing that ranks right up there with taxes and death. It's moving.

But with the right kind of preparation, it can be made easier and more affordable, local moving companies said. Eugene has many businesses that can help those movers in need.

The traditional standby of U-Haul and Ryder are available. Sean Campanella of U-Haul said weekends generally sell out sooner, so students should make their reservations early.

"The sooner the better," he advised, "but at least a week or two [in advance]."

U-Haul has seven Eugene locations, which can be found in the phone book. For moving within Eugene, a six-foot enclosed trailer costs \$9.95 per 24-hour period and an eight-foot trailer is \$14.95. Going one-way to Portland, the six-foot trailer is \$21,

and it costs \$29 for an eight-footer.

Students who have more to move can pay \$19.95 for a 10-foot or 14-foot mover. Each costs 39 cents extra per mile.

Ryder has two Eugene locations. There are fewer trucks in Eugene than last summer, according to a Ryder representative, and that means the cost could be more than double to bring in extra trucks.

Students can make early reservations and once their deposit is in, the price is set. Students making later reservations could pay significant-

ly more.

For a different kind of service, Cross Town Movers is available. According to the business's manager, Dave Somerville, Cross Town Movers often works for students.

Hiring help for moving is something students should consider, he said.

"It's probably more affordable than [students] think it is to have it professionally done," Somerville said.

Cross Town Movers will send two professional movers and equipment to help students pack their belongings into a truck.

This includes boxes, dollies and furniture blankets.

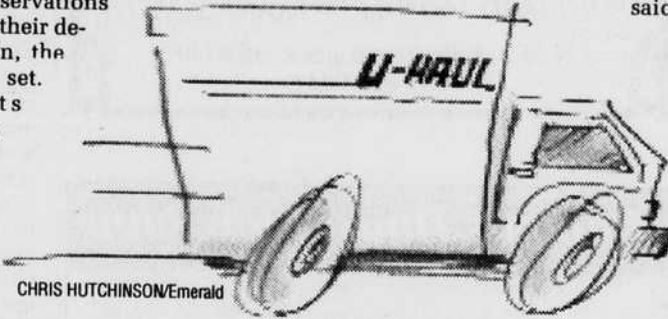
Business doubles in the summer, Somerville said, and he recommended that students make reservations early, but he usually can do small jobs on short notice. Weekends are typically busy times, and he recommends a week's notice.

Cross Town Movers requires a two-hour minimum at \$53 an hour. Typically, Somerville said, students will hire Cross Town Movers to disassemble or assemble and pack larger items and will move smaller items themselves. This is affordable and saves time, he said.

"Usually, we can get most of their belongings in a two-hour window," he said.

If students cannot locate a moving truck, Cross Town Movers will help.

They also offer cleaning services, carpet cleaning and a delivery service at extra charge.



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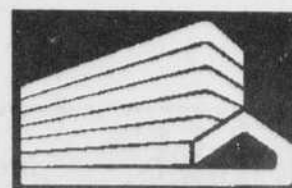
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