

Trucks will get your stuff from point A to B

TRUCK RENTAL AGENTS SAY
DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST
MINUTE TO HIRE

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Students are notorious procrastinators. Test tomorrow? We'll study later. Ten-page paper due in the morning? Right after Letterman, we swear.

If you're a graduating student leaving Eugene or just relocating after spring term, however, don't let that bad habit spill over into making plans for your move. You may find yourself in the Emerald City a bit longer than you had hoped, and ruby red slippers are no longer a ticket home.

"We have people come in on the Saturday morning of graduation weekend and say, 'I need to go to Colorado — today,'" said J.R. Fowlkes, an agent for Ryder Truck Rental. "Then I can't give them a truck until maybe the following Tuesday or so."

Fowlkes, who has worked with Ryder for three years, admits that he can normally help out students as close as a week before they need a truck, but he said students "should really start reserving now at the latest."

He added that a 15-foot truck is usually sufficient for most movers. Local rates run \$29.99 a day and 49 cents per mile, with a \$150 refundable deposit. Prices for longer hauls — say, to Colorado — are calculated based on when and where the person

is going. U-Haul rates run considerably lower, according to one of its agents, Jake Walsh. He quoted a charge of \$19.95 per day rental, with 39 cents per mile tacked on. U-Haul's deposit is only \$80.

Walsh said U-Haul is also unable to give a quote for long-distance rental without knowing the logistics. U-Haul can offer special packages based on mileage, though, and the company usually gives a renter some leeway with specifics. For instance, it will pad the necessary mileage to get from point A to point B, or if a trip ordinarily should take five days, he can extend the rental time a day or two.

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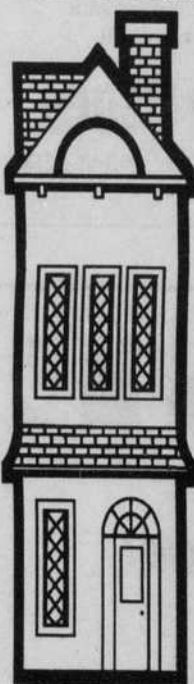
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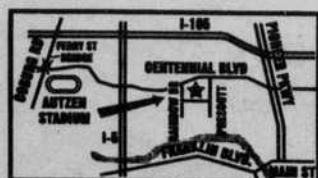
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