

## Tips for Moving to the USA from Canada

**Canadian citizens considering a move to the United States:** Minute Men Moving & Storage and United Van Lines want to ensure that your cross-border move is as stress free as possible. While we can offer expertise in the area of cross-border moving, enforcement of regulations by Customs authorities is beyond our control.

Understanding your responsibilities, documentation requirements, and what to expect at U.S. Customs is key to the success of your relocation.

While it is usually not necessary for the owner of the household goods to be present at the border when the driver clear Customs, it is imperative all paperwork is in good order to avoid having the shipment “held in bond” by Customs (bond fees are chargeable to the customer)

U.S. Customs require that you complete a 3299 form (Declaration of Free Entry). It is your responsibility to complete the 3299 form and provide to your Moving Consultant prior to booking your relocation. Minute Men and your Moving Consultant can provide you with the form as well as a guide on how to properly fill the form out. Your United driver will present the form along with a copy of your passport, a copy of your Bill of Lading for your shipment and your household goods inventory form, to Customs at the border.

The Minute Men packing crew will create a detailed inventory list when packing your shipment. The driver must be able to declare the contents of each carton in your shipment to Customs officials. For this reason, all owner packed cartons must be labeled as owner packed. You must list a brief description of the contents to avoid any issues with U.S. Customs.

Avoid unnecessary delays when you cross the border by ensuring that passports, birth certificates, photo identification and social security/insurance numbers for each family member crossing are up to date. Please note, you must enter the U.S. before your household goods and declare that you have good to follow.

It is important to check with U.S. Customs concerning the import of liquor, tobacco, pets, plants and firearms. Prohibited items include protected wildlife and goods made from endangered species, explosives, ammunition, fireworks and pyrotechnics.