

Use this before you book a truck or a crew. Fill it in, then compare **one DIY total** to **one written mover total**.

1. Your move

- Home size: ☐ Studio/1BR ☐ 2BR ☐ 3BR+
- Stairs or long carry to the truck? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Heavy or fragile pieces (piano, safe, antiques)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Ground-floor or elevator access? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- How many helpers will *really* show up? _____
- Can you take a day off work? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Corey's decision questions

- Am I really saving enough by renting and driving the truck myself to make the extra work worth it?
- What if something breaks and I don't have Full Value Protection?
- Am I comfortable steering a large truck on narrow streets and finding a legal place to park it?

3. DIY total (add every line)

Item	\$
Truck day rate + miles + fuel	
Fees (environmental, CO daily rental, taxes)	
Dolly, pads, boxes	
Optional truck damage protection (Safemove or similar)	
Paid loading help (if any)	
One day off work (if any)	
DIY weekend total	

Reference estimates from our Denver research (paid help included; before Denver taxes on some lines): studio/1BR ~\$470 / ~\$710 with a day off; 2BR ~\$768 / ~\$1,008; 3BR ~\$1,102-\$1,270 / ~\$1,342-\$1,510.

4. Mover total

- Got a written estimate after an in-home or video survey
- Binding price reflects the contracted inventory (or non-binding settled on weight — ask which)
- Full Value Protection quoted (most local moves add about \$250-\$450, a few larger moves up to about \$850, based on our estimates; priced per pound; **not free**)
- Estimated hours, crew size, and what's excluded are listed
- Company name on the truck; Colorado PUC permit number checked
- **Written mover total:** \$_____

Bailey's Moving & Storage local and in-state estimates: start around \$1,000, with a typical estimate around \$3,300 (Oct 2025-Oct 2026, 620 estimates).

5. Red flags — walk away if you see these

- Quote without seeing your home (no survey)
- Far fewer hours than other quotes
- Large cash deposit demanded up front
- No written estimate
- Truck with no company name
- No Colorado PUC permit number

6. Decide

- **U-Haul / DIY** — small move, real helpers, light furniture, short distance
- **Hybrid** — I drive; pros load/unload
- **Full-service movers** — stairs, heavy items, tight schedule, or the DIY total is close

Next step: Get a free in-home or virtual estimate from Bailey's Moving & Storage — even if you still rent the truck. baileysallied.com

Not a quote. Your written estimate is the number that counts.



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