

Feature	Peak Season	Off-Peak Season
Availability of moving company	Limited. Schedules fill quickly. Need generous lead time.	Can often accommodate preferred move dates.
Cost of moving	Higher rates.	Lower rates. Discounts may be available.
Weather conditions	Summer is generally milder weather.	Movers work in all seasons, but snow and rain may cause delays.
Other professionals	Realtors, lenders, and attorneys are busy during peak season also.	Realtors, lenders, and attorneys may be more readily available.
Other commitments	Vacations, family gatherings, sports may impact your schedule.	You may have fewer obligations so you can plan your move.
Schools	Children start a new year with classmates but may miss friends during the summer.	Children meet classmates quickly but may have to catch up on subject matter.
Organizing	Weather is more conducive to garage sales, cleaning garages and sheds, and you may have time off work to prepare.	Adverse weather may be an incentive to organize items for moving, donate unwanted items, and stay in and pack.
Home selling/buying	The real estate market usually has more inventory and is a sellers' market.	There are often fewer homes on the market, creating a buyers' market.
Long distance moving	Long distance moving requires more planning and a range of dates of service. Availability is limited and you may have to wait longer for delivery.	Movers have more availability which creates greater flexibility to meet your preferred dates of service.