

# Washington Metro-based Moving Expert Offers Tips on Moving Aquariums

*Baltimore-Washington Metropolitan-based moving company, Unified Moving Services, says that moving a fish tank or aquarium is a delicate process*

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- “Moving with a pet requires very special care and attention,” says Gary Stone, the president of Unified Moving Services

(<http://www.unifiedmovingservices.com>), a Maryland-based full-service [moving company](#) that specializes in both residential and commercial moves in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area. “However, moving an aquarium with live fish may be one of the most difficult

moving dilemmas that a pet owner can face.”

Depending on the nature of the move, whether it is short distance versus long distance, moving up or downsizing, Stone suggests that fish owners think long and hard when deciding whether or not to bring their aquarium along.

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“Because of the amount of effort and the risk involved in moving aquariums, anyone planning a move may want to consider other options,” Stone says. “This may include selling or giving the aquarium and fish to a friend. You can always start fresh with new fish in your new home.”

However, Stone says that it is not impossible to move the tank and fish from your old home to your new place. With some research and advance planning, he says that just about anyone can manage the move.

## Moving the Tank

According to Stone, the biggest consideration when moving a tank should be the preservation of the established bacteria colony that lives inside the filtration system.

“Since tanks must be completely drained and emptied before moving, holding back a gallon or two of the old tank’s water will preserve a section of healthy bacteria,” says Stone. “By keeping this water in the take, it will make it easier to establish a balanced environment in your new location.”



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## Moving the Fish

“Fish can be incredibly difficult to move and some may perish in transit,” says Stone. “Most aquarium fish can’t tolerate minor changes in water quality, temperature, lighting conditions, or physical trauma like sloshing, noise, jolts and vibrations.”

Stone suggests moving the fish by hand over short distances (a few hours at most) in individual, insulated containers, either sealed with oxygen or equipped with portable aerating equipment.

“Long-distance moves may require carefully packing and shipping fish by air, which can be very expensive,” he explains. “When calculating how long the fish will be in transit, be sure to consider the total take-down and set-up time, including how long the new aquarium will need to wait before it’s ready to accept fish.”

Unified Moving Services is a [full service moving company](http://www.unifiedmovingservices.com/), located in Hyattsville, Maryland, that specializes in commercial, residential, local, interstate and international moves. Through an organized team of office staff, movers and a well established name and reputation Unified Moving Services has provided services to thousands of satisfied customers across the country and around the world. 2015 marks ten years of Better Business Bureau accreditation for the company. For more information call toll-free at 1-800-406-1649 or visit them on the web at <http://www.unifiedmovingservices.com/>.

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