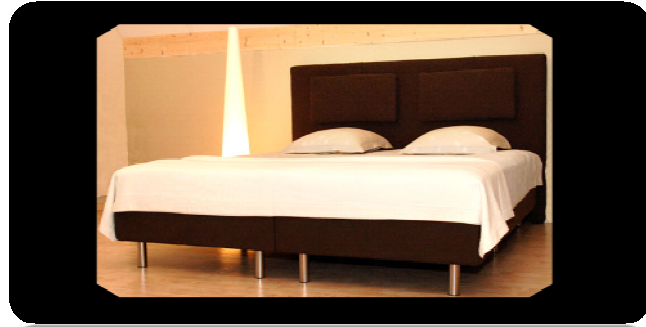


# Moving a Waterbed



Your waterbed is an investment in your comfort, health and well-being. With adequate planning and correct packing, your waterbed can be transported safely.

If you do not have an exact record of the cost of your waterbed, you might want to **obtain a current retail cost prior to meeting with Huys Bros. Moving, Inc.**

The following are some **general guidelines** for preparing your waterbed for shipping:

## Draining and Disassembling Your Waterbed

- **Disassembly time will vary** with each waterbed because of the difference in mattress sizes and drainage methods used. For information on how to drain a particular type of mattress, contact a local waterbed store or the manufacturer. **Allow adequate time to completely drain** and disassemble your waterbed. Most moving companies require customers to **drain mattresses prior to moving day**.
- **Unplug the mattress heater** and allow it to cool before starting the drainage process. Otherwise, the heater can scorch or even melt your mattress.
- If your mattress is to be in **storage for more than five weeks**:
  - **Add mattress conditioner** to the water a day or more before draining to prevent the growth of mold and mildew.
  - Use a **vinyl cleaner** on the outside of the mattress as a protectant.
- There are **three ways to drain** waterbed mattresses:
  - **Straight siphon method** - takes about an hour, can be used for “freeflow” mattresses that have no interior baffles.
  - Using a **faucet adapter and drain pump** - typically comes with mattresses, can take up to three hours depending on your water pressure and type of mattress.
  - Using an **electric pump** - available for rent or purchase at waterbed stores, draining typically takes about 30 minutes.
- Get as much water out of your mattress as possible!
  - If you press down on the mattress and see a handprint afterward, **continue draining**.

- Have your **cap and plug handy** to place on the mattress fill/drain hole right after draining to ensure a vacuum-packed seal.
- **Put all screws, nuts, and bolts in a plastic bag** and tape it to the back of the frame.

### Folding Your Mattress

If you have a **motion-reducing mattress**, you must use special care while draining and moving it in order to prevent the interior baffles from shifting.

After the mattress is completely drained and sealed:

- **Fold it into thirds**, starting from the head of the bed and folding towards the foot.
- Make sure the **baffles do not shift out of place**, but if they do, try to reposition them. (They should be in place before you refill your mattress.)
- You may **pack the folded mattress with blankets** in a box. Make sure it will not be at risk of being punctured or otherwise damaged by other items.
- Finish by folding the mattress in half widthwise.
- The heating pad and tube thermometer must be treated with care.
  - **Roll the pad and thermometer** – each separately – from either end.
  - Rolling items ensures the elements in each will not be broken or twisted.

### Upon Delivery

Because a waterbed holds 80 to 200 gallons of water, you should determine where you want the bed placed before you fill it.