

AI-03868 NYC Moving Out Info

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In 515 w 59th street nyc, what is the best time to move out using 12 footer Penske truck. I'm looking for less traffic near the apartment. What other special consideration that I should be thinking? Is weekend Saturday or Sunday better. I'm about to book a Penske truck. Also, create a trip plan with Hernando FL as destination.

For **515 W 59th St (near West End Ave / Columbus Circle)** with a **12-foot Penske truck**, your challenge is not the drive — it is **curb access and loading friction**. Midtown West traffic, buses, delivery trucks, tourists, and building loading rules matter more than highway traffic.

Best time to move out from 515 W 59th St

Best overall:

Sunday morning (7:00–9:00 AM)

This is usually the sweet spot.

Why:

- Less local traffic near Columbus Circle and Lincoln Tunnel approaches
- Fewer delivery trucks double-parked
- Easier curb access near residential towers
- Less rideshare congestion than Saturday
- Quieter elevators/building traffic if your building has move windows

Saturday tends to feel “free,” but around your block it often becomes busier with brunch, shopping, events, and Lincoln Tunnel spillover by late morning.

Second best:

Saturday very early (6:30–8:00 AM)

Good if Sunday is unavailable.

Avoid these windows

Friday afternoon: terrible (Lincoln Tunnel, weekend exodus)

Saturday 10 AM–3 PM: tourist + restaurant + crosstown congestion

Sunday after 11 AM: park traffic, hotel checkouts, restaurant crowd

Weekday 7–10 AM or 4–7 PM: commuter congestion near Midtown West

Because you are near the West Side Highway and Lincoln Tunnel approaches, traffic can change fast.

Saturday or Sunday?

Sunday wins for your exact location.

| Factor | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Local traffic | Moderate-heavy | Lighter |
| Parking near building | Harder | Easier |
| Pedestrian congestion | Higher | Lower early morning |
| Tunnel/Highway flow leaving NYC | Moderate | Better before noon |
| Stress level | Higher | Lower |

My recommendation:

Book the truck for Sunday pickup at 7–8 AM, start loading immediately, and be rolling out of Manhattan by **10:00–10:30 AM**.

Important NYC considerations people forget

1. Building moving rules (biggest hidden issue)

Call management at your building and ask:

- Do they require a **COI (Certificate of Insurance)**?
- Do they require **elevator reservation**?
- Allowed moving hours?
- Freight elevator?
- Loading dock or curb procedure?

Many Manhattan buildings restrict self-moves or require elevator booking. This matters more than the truck itself.

2. Alternate side parking / street cleaning

Look at the signs on **your exact block** before choosing a date. A moving truck during street cleaning hours can become a nightmare. NYC enforces block-by-block parking rules and towing/ticketing is real.

3. Always have one person stay with the truck

In Manhattan, if you double-park or temporarily block, someone should remain with the truck to move it if traffic enforcement or sanitation appears. This is a very common practical NYC moving strategy discussed by locals.

4. Know truck restrictions

A Penske truck is treated like a commercial vehicle in NYC. Avoid accidental routing onto restricted parkways or low-clearance areas. Stick to truck-safe GPS routing.

5. Reserve parking space mentally

If possible:

- Have someone stand curbside early
- Use cones (if permitted by building)
- Coordinate with doorman/super

In Manhattan, **50 feet of curb access can save 2 hours of labor.**

Penske pickup recommendation

Instead of Manhattan, I would lean toward the North Bergen location because it is easier truck access and closer to your eventual southbound route.

- Penske Truck Rental — easier truck access near Tonnelle Ave and closer to I-95 / NJ Turnpike.
- Penske Truck Rental — Manhattan option if convenience matters more than driving ease.

Suggested NYC → Hernando, Florida trip plan (12-ft Penske)

Destination: Hernando

Option A — safest / least stressful (2 days)

Day 1

- **7:00 AM** — Pick up Penske
- **8:00–10:00 AM** — Load at 515 W 59th
- **10:00–10:30 AM** — Depart Manhattan
- Route:
 - Lincoln Tunnel
 - NJ Turnpike
 - I-95 South
- Goal stop: **Savannah, Georgia**
- Drive time: ~13–14 hours including fuel/food

Day 2

- Savannah → Hernando FL
- ~5–6 hours
- Arrive relaxed, safer, less fatigue

Option B — one-day push (not ideal in a moving truck)

~18–20 hours total driving

I would not recommend this with a loaded 12-footer unless you are rotating drivers.

Fuel / logistics strategy

For a Penske:

- Refuel in **New Jersey** before leaving metro NYC
- Avoid Manhattan gas stations (expensive/tight access)
- Stop every ~3 hours to reduce fatigue
- Keep valuables in cab, not cargo area
- Bring:
 - moving blankets
 - ratchet straps
 - flashlight
 - gloves
 - phone mount
 - toll transponder (E-ZPass if available)

My recommended plan for your exact situation

Sunday + 7:00 AM pickup + load by 8-10 AM + leave Manhattan by 10:30 AM + overnight in Savannah = lowest stress, easiest curbside access, best traffic odds.

If you tell me **how many bedrooms and whether the building has a loading dock**, I can estimate whether a **12-footer is enough** and create a **hour-by-hour move timeline**.