

Tips for securing loads

1. **Stock Up** (image showing of some of these supplies) – Keep cargo nets, tarps, ropes, bungee cords, or straps in your truck to make sure you always have what you need to secure your cargo. You may need tie down hooks or eye bolts on your vehicle as well.
2. **Strap Down** (image showing a piece of furniture strapped securely into truck bed) – Securely fasten all large items directly to your vehicle, including tarps and covers.
3. **Seal Tight and Cover** (image showing garbage can with bungee cords over it, indicating tightly secured lid) – Make sure boxes, bags, and garbage cans are tightly closed and covered to keep contents from blowing away.
4. **Get Organized** (image showing stack of objects, boxes on bottom with bookshelf laid flat on top) – Lay tall items flat and put lighter cargo at the bottom of the load so heavier objects can hold them down.
5. **Follow Through** (image showing of bungee cord weaving through ladder) – Run straps through and around items – especially large items like hand trucks, ladders, furniture, and mattresses.
6. **Tidy Up** (image showing disposable fast food cup, bags, paper, plastic bottle) – Remove any loose pieces of trash from your truck, trailer, or boat that could blow out while driving.
7. **Check Regularly** (image showing a timer or stop watch) – Nothing you're hauling should be able to slide, shift, or fall out. If you hear whipping or rattling sounds while driving, stop and check your cargo.