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Proper loading

Remember to properly load, and tarp your trailer. Whether you are towing a lawn trailer, transporting pallets of brick, or towing a load of trees, proper loading can make for an easier and safer drive.



One of the main causes for trailer sway is not having enough weight on the tongue of the trailer. The tongue weight of the trailer should be

around 10 to 15 percent of the total load weight, on a 5th wheel it could be as high as 25 percent. Too MUCH weight on the tongue of the trailer will decrease pressure on your front axle and make it difficult to steer and brake. Centering your load from left to right will also help to balance your trailer. You also need to be aware of your vehicle and trailer's gross weight rating, making sure not to overload your towing capacity.



When you are transporting plants remember that it is very important to tarp them properly. Make sure that when you tarp your load that you cover all of the plant material, making sure to pull the tarp all the way down to the trailer. Make sure that your tarp is long enough to cover the trees from the root ball all the way to the last leaf. Securely fasten you tarp so that it does not flap in the wind and damage the material.

A good quality nursery tarp is best for transporting plant material, but a poly tarp will work in a pinch. Always remember that any tarp is better than no tarp.



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