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## **PACKING TIPS**

**NOTE: THE MOVING TRUCK, WHICH COMES ON THE DAY OF YOUR MOVE, IS NOT SUPPLIED WITH BOXES FOR PACKING PURPOSES, AS PACKING SHOULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE THAT TIME. IF PACKING OCCURS WHILE THE MOVERS ARE LOADING THE TRUCK, THE MOVERS' EFFICIENCY IS HINDERED, RESULTING IN A POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENT IN THE CONTRACT PRICE.**

### **Packing Tip #1**

Use only closed-top boxes. Open-top boxes make loading difficult. Tape flaps down with one piece of tape.

### **Packing Tip #2**

If wardrobe boxes are requested, they will be brought and taken away on moving day.

### **Packing Tip #3**

For local moves, boxes, if requested, can be rented at a cost of \$3.00 per box (to be paid for on moving day). One free delivery is provided. Please allow two business days for delivery. Once you have unpacked, \$1/box will be refunded if the boxes have been flattened, are still in good condition, sorted (not folded) and the tape has been removed.

Box sizes available:	Book size:	17 inches x 11 inches x 10 inches
	2 cu. ft.:	18 1/8 inches x 15 1/8 inches x 12 1/2 inches
	4 cu. ft.:	18 inches x 18 inches x 21 inches

### **Packing Tip #4**

Pack heavy items, such as books and magazines, in small boxes. Pack light, bulky items in larger boxes. **PLEASE DO NOT PACK HEAVY ITEMS, SUCH AS BOOKS, INTO LARGE BOXES.**

### **Packing Tip #5**

Wrap pictures in sheets and blankets and pack them in boxes.

### **Packing Tip #6**

Large pictures and mirrors (ones that are too big to pack in a box) should remain on the walls. The movers will take care of these, wrapping them in blankets and putting them between mattresses on the truck.

### **Packing Tip #7**

Please remove all items from dresser drawers, night tables and desks, and pack these items into boxes. Breakable and small items, such as jewelry and loose change could fall out of the piece of furniture as it is being moved down stairs, into elevators and up ramps if they're left in the drawers. Often furniture has to be set on end to fit into an elevator. Clothes from dressers should also be packed into boxes to help lighten the weight of the furniture.

**Packing Tip #8**

Empty all desk drawers. There are normally too many small items to be left in drawers. A suggestion is to pack contents of each drawer into separate plastic bags. Label each bag, for example, 'Top Left Desk Drawer'. Pack these bags into boxes.

**Packing Tip #9**

Pack items from your freezer into boxes and put the boxes back into the freezer. The movers will remove the boxes prior to moving the freezer. The boxes will be put back into the freezer once the freezer is in the truck. This will make it easier for the movers to carry the freezer.

**Packing Tip #10**

In bold letters, label boxes according to the room you want them taken to in your new home

**Packing Tip #11**

Pack contents of filing cabinets into book-size boxes. If a filing cabinet is moved without being emptied, damage could be done to its frame.

**Packing Tip #12**

The following items cannot be moved in the moving truck:

- **ammunition and firearms**
- **flammable items** (such as barbecue propane tanks, paint, kerosene, gasoline, oil, varnish, aerosol cans)
- **corrosives**
- **explosives**
- **plants** (we cannot ensure their survival)
- **liquid bleach** (unless you've double checked that the lid is securely fastened)

**Packing Tip #13**

Unprinted newsprint, for packing dishes and breakables, is available at a cost of \$15.00 for 8 pounds (approx. 240 18"x24" sheets).

**Packing Tip #14**

Plastic grocery bags can be used for packing. Use one bag for the contents of each of your kitchen drawers. Another could be used for your medicine cabinet. Label the bags as to which drawer or cabinet they came from. Pack these bags in boxes.

**Packing Tip #15**

Pack on a room-by-room basis. It's best not to mix items from different rooms in one box.

**Packing Tip #16**

Remove bulbs before packing your lamps. Pack shades in boxes by themselves. Wrap cords around the post, and then wrap lamps in blankets or towels.

**Packing Tip #17**

Secure all moving stereo parts. Original packing boxes are ideal; however, the movers can blanket-wrap the larger components.

**Packing Tip #18**

Disconnect computer and pack in original boxes. If these are unavailable, pack small parts in boxes and the movers will blanket-wrap the remaining components.

**Packing Tip #19**

Movers will reassemble what they have disassembled. The movers do not disassemble or reassemble computers or complicated stereo systems. If you disassemble items, the movers will leave you to reassemble them.

**Packing Tip #20**

Gas appliances (stoves and dryers) must be disconnected and reconnected by licensed gas installers. Plumbers often have the necessary licensing. Electric stoves, washing machines and dryers can be disconnected and usually reconnected by the movers.

**Packing Tip #21**

Seal dry food canisters and previously opened boxes, such as laundry soap and cereal, with tape. Make sure that bottle and jar lids and caps have been tightly secured.

**Packing Tip #22**

Before packing sharp objects, such as knives, wrap them in newsprint and label them.

**Packing Tip #23**

Wrap all items made of glass. Cushion all fragile items with ample newsprint, towels, pillows, blankets, etc.

**Packing Tip #24**

To prevent small items from being mistakenly thrown out with the newsprint, wrap them in newsprint and write "small item" on the newsprint, once the item is wrapped. Place the item in the box so the writing can be seen when the box is opened.

**Packing Tip #25**

Coffee, coffeepot, filters, mugs, sugar, spoons, toilet paper, paper towels, screwdrivers, pliers, phone, and phonebook are essentials you may need upon arrival at your new home. Pack these items in one box and label it 'Open First'.

**Packing Tip #26**

Appliances should be clean and dry with moving parts stabilized. The plate from the microwave should be packed into a box.

**Packing Tip #27**

Nest pots and pans inside each other with newsprint between each.

**Packing Tip #28**

Rugs and mats can be rolled up and taped (Do not bend rugs).

**Packing Tip #29**

Plates should be packed on end vertically, rather than flat and stacked. Make sure there is ample padding at the bottom and top of each box.