



# Your Packing Guide



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# Prepping for a successful move

Packing is often viewed as the most daunting part of a move and can sometimes feel overwhelming. That's why we're sharing tips and tricks from our seasoned moving experts to help get you started.

Keep in mind that antiques, artwork, valuable possessions and large appliances generally require professional handling. Contact us to make your move a breeze!

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# Packing Basics

## Repurpose items for padding

Quilted blankets, old towels and other similar items work well to protect fragile possessions and other easily breakable items.

## Start with out-of-season items

First, pack away possessions that you aren't currently using on a daily basis. This will help you to avoid digging through boxes before you actually begin the moving process.

## Label your boxes by room

Save time during the unpacking process by writing on the side of each box the contents and which room they're destined for.

## Layer from heaviest to lightest

Always pack items in a box by weight, with the lightest at the top.

## Organize your cords

Carefully wind electrical cords and store them in clear, labeled plastic bags.

## Use plastic wrap

A material similar to cellophane, industrial plastic wrap can provide the additional measure of protection to ensure your belongings remain scuff and dent free.

## Don't overpack

Make sure items are secure and packed firmly together, but are not misshaping the box.

## Start early

No matter how much stuff you have, getting a head start on packing is never a bad idea. Begin boxing up items several weeks in advance.

## Put heavy items in compact boxes

Pack weightier items, like books, in smaller containers so they are easier to move.

## Use packing tape

Duct tape simply won't work in this scenario, so it's important to secure your boxes with packing tape.

## Pack an overnight bag

Reserve your most-used items for last, and make sure you have a box set aside with necessities for your first night in your new home.

# Kitchen

## Glassware, dishes and flatware

Gather plenty of packing paper, bubble wrap, newspapers and other materials that can be used as cushioning.

Pad the bottom layer of a sturdy container, then wrap each individual plate, dish, bowl, cup, etc. with a double layer of packing paper.

Carefully bundle similar items together and wrap the package in newspaper.

Secure with tape and place in a firmly padded box. Make sure to fill any open spaces with soft material or more paper.

Use extra packing paper for unusually shaped items and surround them with several inches of cushioning material.

Wrap loose flatware with clean tissue paper either individually or as sets.

## Small appliances

Small kitchen appliances should be placed in the same box, if possible, and wrapped in packing paper. Bath towels can also be used to keep these items safe.

## Pots and Pans

Nest pots and pans together. If you're worried about them getting scratched or dented, wrap them in paper beforehand.

# Living Room

## Photographs

Wrap small, framed pictures with paper and layer with protective cushioning.

Stand them on edge in a box, with padding in between.

## Decorations and figurines

Secure with tissue, dishtowels or packing papers.

Glass or other delicate items should be further protected with bubble wrap and placed toward the top of the box.

## Electronics

If possible, repack electronics in their original packaging. Otherwise, wrap them with clean linens or other cushioning and pack them in a sturdy container.

Fill extra space with newspaper or bubble wrap.

It's also important to talk to your moving team about any temperature-sensitive items, like televisions.

# Bedroom

## Lamps

Avoid using newspaper to wrap lampshades, as the ink might transfer onto them.

Gather all your lampshades and find a box that fits the biggest one.

Put your smallest shade in a container lined with clean paper and padding, and place a clean pillowcase or paper over it. Then, gently stack a larger shade on top.

Repeat until the stacked shades fill the box. Make sure you do not force one shade over the other.

Wrap the bases in towels or layers of paper and pack in a separate box.

## Bedding

Fold your clean linens and bedding and place them in plastic bags, then in boxes.

Use a cover to protect your mattress during the move.

## Books

Line your boxes with bubble wrap.

Wrap books in acid-free tissue to avoid abrasions and carefully lay them flat in the box.

You can also pack books that are sturdy and in great condition on their spine.

## Clothing

To avoid mildew in transit as well as the transfer of stains and odors to other garments, make sure clothes are clean and dry.

Folded clothes can be placed in sturdy smaller boxes or luggage. For clothing on hangers, wardrobe boxes, with metal racks, are recommended.

Pack shoes in shoeboxes to prevent transfer of dirt, or wrap individual pairs in paper and put them in plastic grocery bags.

Stuff socks or paper inside shoes to help maintain their form.





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