



Packing Tips

- Start packing several weeks in advance - By starting early, you won't become overwhelmed as Moving Day approaches.
- Begin by packing items you will not use or need prior to your move.
- Pack a box of essential items (toilet paper, soap and towels, toothpaste and brushes, paper plates and utensils, snacks, coffee pot and filters, clock radio, remote controls and basic tool kit) that you will use immediately at your new home. Transport this box in your vehicle so you have it when you need it.
- A *rule of thumb* is to fill the box to capacity but not to over pack the box.
- Make sure to use packing tape rather than duct tape, which may not stick well to corrugated cardboard. Also, tape should be used to secure the top and bottom of the box rather than interlocking the edges of the box together. All boxes must have flat tops so they can be stacked in the truck.
- Take valuables, important legal documents and family medical records with you personally so they won't be misplaced.
- To prevent small items such as knick-knacks from becoming lost or thrown out with the packing paper, wrap them in colored tissue paper before placing them in the box.
- Pack items from each room separately in boxes rather than mixing rooms.
- Label all boxes or color code them by room and write what contents are in them on their sides and top.
- To avoid breakage of valuable items, pack them over a padded area. Dishes should always be packed on edge. Do not stack flat and each dish should be packed in clean non-ink paper or bubble wrap. Wrap cups and glasses in paper and cushion with dish towels or paper within the packing cartons.
- Lampshades should not be packed with newspaper, as the ink can permanently stain them.
- When disassembling furniture, large tables, or dresser mirrors, place hardware in plastic bags and tape to the underside of the furniture or place in a drawer.
- The law requires that moving companies do not transport hazardous materials such as gasoline, ammunition and explosives, cleaning fluids and detergents, toxic materials, bottled gases and other flammables, and perishable items. Click on the following [Non-Allowable](#) list to make sure your move is a safe one.
- If **Move It Now** is packing your goods, we will make an inventory list of your goods if the move involves crossing state lines or storage is needed. Intrastate moves involving one or less travel days are not normally inventoried, but if you specifically request it, we will be happy to inventory your shipment.