

## TOP PACKING TIPS

- Setting up a packing schedule is a terrific way to make sure you give yourself enough time.
- Packing paper and bubble wrap are your best options for packing fragile items. Don't use newspaper as the ink can stain your items.
- Labeling cartons with contents and the designated location ensures cartons are delivered to the correct rooms.
- Overpacked cartons are a heavy lift so try to keep your carton weight manageable.
- Consider color-coding electric cords to simplify setting up your electronics.
- Start by packing items you don't use often.
- Wallets, handbags, checkbooks, jewelry, important legal documents, and other valuables should be kept in your possession at all times.
- Remove lightbulbs from lamps and wrap separately. Lampshades should be wrapped in packing paper and placed in cartons.
- China, crystal, and other fragile items should be wrapped with packing paper or bubble wrap, and placed in reinforced cartons, preferably dish packs.
- Wall art, mirrors, and glass/marble tabletops should be padded, and packed or crated. Your mover can assist you in determining the best method.
- Consider using your linens to cushion your fragile items, adding extra padding and avoiding shifting.
- Brooms, mops, shovels, rakes, and curtain rods should be tied together.
- Small appliances should be wrapped in paper and placed in sturdy cartons.
- Books are extremely heavy so avoid using a large carton. Your better options are strong, small cartons or book cartons.
- Lawn mowers and other fuel-based lawn care equipment should be drained several days in advance of your move.
- Flammable materials – turpentine, paints, spray paint, ammunition, propane tanks – can't be transported by movers.
- Dried and canned foods can be packed in advance. Refrigerated items should be packed on moving day and placed in coolers or thermal bags. Be sure to empty ice cube trays and bins.
- When packing toiletries, make sure lids are secure. You may want to place toiletries in plastic bags to avoid leaking issues.
- Wardrobe cartons are your best option for packing hanging clothing, protecting your clothing and making unpacking a breeze.
- On moving day, remove linens from beds. Your mover will wrap mattresses, take beds apart, and reassemble them in your new home.
- While potted plants and shrubs can be transported by your mover, you may want to consider transporting these items in your vehicle as moving trucks are not climate controlled.
- Check with your realtor before removing attached fixtures such as towel racks, outlet covers, and other built-in items. Some may be considered part of your agreement of sale.