






Packing Help

Everyone knows moving is stressful! According to the Employee Relocation Counsel, moving is the third most stressful event in life, following death and divorce. It's a huge task that requires good organization, hard work, packing skills, and the right moving boxes and supplies. By using the following guidelines we can make your move as stress free as possible.

-  Estimate the time it will take to pack your home or apartment. Packing time can vary according to the situation but as a rule of thumb you should plan on one half - one full day to fully pack for each room.
-  Make list of rooms and items that need to be packed and what all needs to be done before the move. When you have completed the item on the list you can mark it off and keep track of what all you have accomplished and what all is left to be done before the big day!
-  Estimate the amount of moving boxes and supplies you need for your move. If you are uncertain what you need you can choose from one of our pre-made moving kits. Our moving kits have been designed to accommodate the general house load per room but the amount of personal items is not the same for every home, if you think you have lots of stuff in storage and closets you may need more boxes than our estimated moving kit amounts. It's always a good idea to have more than you need so you won't run out of moving boxes and supplies at "crunch time". Don't worry about overbuying, with our buy back guarantee you can always return what you don't use.
-  The most important tip we can offer is to make sure you equip yourself and your belongings with **quality** packing supplies! While "free" used boxes from your local food or liquor store may seem like a good bargain initially, these boxes are typically poorly constructed and not designed for re-use or the type of use you will need for moving; placing your personal possessions at high risk for damage during the move. Professional moving boxes allow movers to optimally load the truck, therefore making your move safer and more efficient. Peace of mind for your move starts with the guaranteed high quality of boxes and supplies Cheapest Moving Boxes offers.
-  Use the right box for the right items! It's best to use sturdy boxes in uniform sizes for your move. You can stack the boxes by size which allows you to quickly pull out the right-size box while you are packing. If you choose to use a professional moving company, this will allow the movers to load and unload your truck well.

- 📦 Use the right packing supplies to ensure proper protection. You will need a variety of packing supplies to wrap, cushion and seal your goods. Don't skimp on supplies, they can make all of the difference in moving your items safely without breakage. If you have the proper packing tools and supplies it will make the job go faster and easier.
- 📦 **Purge!** Before you get overwhelmed with the sheer amount of stuff you own, remember moving is the best time to get rid of the extra stuff that you no longer use, need or want. While you are packing keep a large garbage bag by your side so you can throw things away as you go. Also, don't forget to keep a box handy for items you can donate or give to charity.
- 📦 Don't overstuff your boxes. It may seem easier to cram as many things as possible into one box, IT'S NOT!! It is much better to make more trips than not be able to pick up or break a box because it is too heavy.
- 📦 Label, label, label!!! It may seem like a pain while packing, but label every box, the more details the better! You'll thank yourself when you arrive to your new home and are unpacking with ease of knowing what box has what in it and where it goes.

📦 **General Tips from the Pros:**

- ✓ All your boxes should be packed with things that go together and should be clearly labeled with contents as well as the room destination for easy unloading and unpacking.
- ✓ Wrap fragile items separately before placing them in the box. Boxes containing fragile items should be marked as fragile for extra care on the day of the move.
- ✓ Any items that you may need while you are packing or unpacking should be put in a separate box and taken with you the day of the move for easy access.
- ✓ Items you may need first when you get to your destination should be segregated and packed in a box marked "Open First" so it can be easily identified when you get to your destination.
- ✓ Avoid mixing items from different rooms in the same box.
- ✓ Start by packing the items you seldom use like the items in the attic or garage. Pack the items you use everyday last.
- ✓ Pack heavier items at the bottom of the box to avoid damaging the more fragile items in the box.
- ✓ Use cushioning materials like bubble wrap and packing paper to fill in the open spaces in the boxes to minimize breakage.

- ✓ All the seams of each box should be taped with “2 box tape. For heavier boxes you should also apply tape in the opposite direction for added support.
- ✓ Pack boxes so you can easily lift them on the day of the move. Pack heavier items in smaller boxes and lighter items in larger boxes to control the weight.