PACKING ESSENTIALS

All the supplies you need to pack your entire house properly.

- **Boxes.** Purchase clean, dry cardboard boxes in a variety of sizes if your moving company doesn’t already provide them.

- **Special containers.** Order wardrobe boxes, partitioned “dish pack” boxes and other containers designed for specific items.

- **Bubble wrap.** Buy a large roll, and cut sheets for padding boxes and wrapping breakable items.

- **Plastic storage bags.** Use gallon-size bags for grouping small items, and snack-size bags for rounding up screws and fasteners.

- **Packing paper or plain newsprint.** Avoid using newspaper for stuffing and wrapping fragile items; the ink may stain some materials (and your hands).

- **Bright tissue paper.** Use it to wrap small items that are easily lost or may be mistaken for trash.

- **White tissue paper.** Use it for stuffing and wrapping lampshades; packing paper is too stiff.

- **Packing tape.** Buy multiple rolls, and at least one dispenser for each person who will help you pack.

- **Labels.** Mark each box with its contents (except for valuables) and the room where it belongs.

- **Permanent markers.** Choose thick-tipped markers for strong, clear labeling.

- **Small colored stickers.** Use them for labeling electronics cords, color-coding boxes and more.

- **Trash bags.** Corral throw pillows and stuffed animals inside bags, and label them like boxes so they’re not mistaken for trash.

- **Box cutters.** Half-empty boxes don’t stack properly; trim boxes to fit their contents.

- **Tools.** You’ll need an assortment of screwdrivers, wrenches and fasteners for disassembling and reassembling furniture.

- **Plastic stretch wrap.** Wrap it around furniture to secure drawers, or use it to bundle curtain rods and other awkwardly shaped items.

- **Mattress bags.** Purchase ones sized to fit your mattress; they’re easiest to carry.

- **Drop cloths or old sheets.** Drape them over furniture for protection.

- **Quilted pads.** Wrap large furniture to protect it inside the truck.

- **Measuring tape.** Measure odd-shaped items to find a box that fits.

- **Notepad & pen.** Jot down directions, measurements and notes.

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