



HOW TO PACK LIKE THE PROFESSIONALS

With a little care and planning, you and your effects will arrive in mint condition. Most damage comes from vibration. Think of a stack of dishes in a moving box on the bed of a bouncing truck. No matter how well the sides are padded, a firm up-and-down jolt could crack the entire stack. On the other hand, dishes packed on edge and surrounded by bubble wrap have a better chance of surviving the trip unharmed.

In the long run, it pays to purchase the right packing materials. Sturdy moving boxes, Packing Tape, Bubble Wrap, and Packing Paper (do not use newspaper as the print will dirty your items) are worth the money. Supplement with copious amounts of blankets and pillows; even clothing can serve as a buffer between breakable objects. There should be no empty space in a box; however don't over pack the moving box either.

Use the right moving box. A good packing job starts with strong, sturdy double wall moving boxes for small and heavy items, Single wall for lightweight items. Use packing tape (not masking tape) for the boxes as well as for taping things together (like broom handles).

Pack one room at a time, labelling each moving box with a description of its contents and its destination (e.g., kitchen, bathroom). Be as specific as you can; it will make unpacking that much easier. Keep the weight of your moving boxes reasonable. If possible, put heavy items in small moving boxes to make them easier to carry. Don't apply tape directly to polished or painted wood finishes. Removing the tape could ruin the surface. Double-box fragile items and add plenty of cushioning. When everything is packed and ready to load, make sure the items you need least are loaded first. Common sense is essential when loading the truck. Place the moving box containing your best china on top of the box of encyclopaedias and not vice versa.

Appliances Pack small appliances in original container or a moving box cushioned with Packing Paper. (Do not use shredded paper - it can clog the appliance!)

Household Items Beds - Disassemble the bed frame. Tie rails and cross-pieces together with packing tape. Be sure to mark on tape to show where pieces fit together for reassembly. You can protect your mattress and box spring with a Mattress Cover or large sheets of plastic. You may want to cover them just before you leave - the plastic may make it difficult to move downstairs or around awkward corners in your home.

Bicycles, Tricycles, Baby Carriages - Loosen, lower and turn handlebars at right angles to save space. Clean and cover chains and pedals to protect other items from being snagged or soiled.

Books - They're heavy, so use Medium Moving Boxes. Don't mix books with other items. Pack books flat, alternating bindings, and fill empty spaces with packing paper or bubble wrap.

Bureaus, Dressers - Fill drawers with small breakable items and cushion well with loose clothes. Secure drawers with pad or blanket and tape. Do not overload drawers with heavy items.

Chairs - Wrap arms and legs to prevent scratches. Bundle armless chairs in pairs, seat to seat, with a folded blanket or other padding between and tie seats together.

Clothes - Dresses, coats, suits - anything hanging in closets - travel best in re-usable Wardrobe Moving Boxes, which can be used seasonally as "extra closets" for wardrobe storage. Other clothes can remain folded in their regular dresser drawers. Also, Large Moving Boxes can hold a lot of clothes without making the box too heavy.

Duvets, Pillows, Large/Light Items - Extra Large Moving Boxes will be best for packing light bulky items. If you have small fragile items, you can pack a few in between the pillows for extra protection - just don't forget they are there!

Dishes - Individually wrap each piece. Kitchen Moving Boxes will fit most kitchenware without making the box too heavy. Place saucers, plates and platters on edge - DO NOT STACK FLAT. Cups and bowls may be placed inside each other and wrapped three or four in a bundle.

Kitchenware - Pots, pans, etc. can be stacked in a box with packing paper between them. Remember not to make the box too heavy - someone has to carry it!

Glasses - Wrap each glass separately in packing paper or bubble wrap (you can wrap first in a plastic bag to save washing later).

Fine Furniture - You may want to wrap your best furniture in transit blankets, not only to protect it from scratching, but to keep dust and dirt off the upholstery. Stretch Wrap can also help to prevent small scratches and dust from damaging your furniture. Make sure to wrap the item very tight to prevent snags while you are moving.

Lamps - After disassembling lamps, pack small bases in dresser drawers surrounded by loose clothing, and large bases in boxes stuffed with packing paper or bubble wrap. Box shades individually in boxes with plenty of packing paper for stuffing. Don't use newspaper because it smudges.

Lawn Mowers - Drain fuel and oil before loading. Remove handle from hand mowers and place blade end in sturdy box. Mark properly .

Remember that you can purchase all the packing materials you need on our website. Good luck with your move and thank you for visiting us.