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Packing Tips

OVERALL PACKING TIPS

- Mark each box with the contents and what room they will belong to in the new home. Give the box an inventory number if you are using a moving company.
- Pack a safe or fire proof box with important documents.
- Try not to exceed 50 pounds per box or container.
- Use small boxes for heavy items such books, tools, etc.
- Always place heavier items at the bottom of the box and lighter items on the top.
- Use plenty of padding such as bubble wrap, paper, or packing peanuts to pad fragile items.
- Pack each box as tightly as possible to avoid shifting within the box. Use the above mentioned items to fill space if needed.
- Put a 2-3 inch padding at the bottom of boxes with fragile items.
- All boxes should close easily and not bulge or cave in.
- Seal all packages securely with packing tape.

CHINA AND GLASSWARE

- Use dish pack cartons for china.
- Wrap each piece individually.
- Pack large/flat items on the bottom and smaller items such as smaller plates.
- Surround each bundle with shredded or crumpled paper. Make sure there are no empty spaces for shifting.
- All glassware should be double wrapped and placed upside down on rims.

SILVERWARE

- Wrap individually or in groups in plastic wrap or tissue.
- If your silver is in a case, fill empty space to keep silver from shifting.
- Try to pack in an airtight container to avoid tarnishing.

GLASS TABLETOPS, MARBLE SLABS, MIRRORS, WALL HANGINGS, PAINTINGS, OTHER LARGE FRAGILE ITEMS

- These are best left to professionals if you are hiring a moving company.
- Glass, marble and mirrors can be placed in cartons specially made for these items.
- Oil paintings can ruin easily. NEVER place paper over an oil painting.

SMALL ELECTRONICS

- Wrap all cords and secure.
- Place securely in boxes, fill all empty space with crumpled paper.

CLOTHING

- Utilize wardrobe boxes for hanging clothes. If you do not wish to purchase a wardrobe box, remove all clothes from hangars, fold, and place in a paper-lined, clean box.
- Leave light items such as lingerie and socks in your dresser or chest.
- Shoes can be left in shoe boxes and placed in a larger box or wrapped individually and placed in a box. Take care to wrap shoes carefully to avoid damage to heels and ornaments.
- All furs or high-value items should be taken with you if you are hiring a moving company.

LAMPS

- Remove the light bulb(s).
- Wrap each part separately.
- Wrap the lamp shade in cloth or tissue. DO NOT USE newspaper as it can rub off and ruin the fabric.

BEDDING AND LINENS

- Fold and pack in paper-lined clean boxes or hang in wardrobe boxes.
- Less expensive items can be used as cushion to pack other items.
- Pillows can be placed in dresser drawers or packed in boxes.

DRAPERIES, CURTAINS, RUGS

- As with linens you can fold and place them in paper-lined cleaned boxes.
- Utilize a wardrobe box to hang all draperies and curtains if you choose not to fold and pack in boxes.
- Roll up all rugs and secure.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND VALUABLES

- It is highly recommended that if you hire a moving company you take all photographs, mementos, irreplaceable items, and valuables with you.
- If you need to pack some of these items, make sure they are secure and weather proof to avoid damage.
- Take your time to pack irreplaceable items carefully. Better safe than sorry!
- Wrap all framed photos and pack in boxes on the edge rather than lying flat with plenty of cushion.
- Try to pack your photo in photo albums. If that is not possible, pack all your loose photos in an air-tight container to avoid moisture damage

BOOKS

- Try to pack books of similar sizes together in small boxes to keep boxes from being too heavy.

TOOLS

- Tools can be left in tool boxes.
- For tools that need to be packed, place them securely in small boxes to avoid overly heavy boxes.
- Before packing, remove all attachment and pack separately.
- Long-handles tools should be bundled together with any attachments removed and packed separately in boxes.

FOOD

- Try to consume all perishables before your move date.
- Take only the items you know will travel well.
- Remember to seal all opened boxes of dried or powdery substances such as pancake mixes, cereal, etc.
- Cover all holes of shakers with tape if they are not empty

MOVING DAY ESSENTIALS A.K.A. SURVIVAL BOX

- Copy of all moving documents
- First aid kit
- Toiletries (Don't forget towels and toilet paper!)
- Paper goods for the kitchen
- Snack food and drinks
- Tool Kit with duct tape, scissors, flash light
- Toys for children
- Paper, pens, stamps, envelopes
- Can opener, bottle opener
- Alarm clock
- Trash bags
- Address book
- Spare Car Keys
- Phone chargers
- Pet food
- Medications