

Ultimate Packing Guide

Your complete room-by-room checklist for a stress-free move

QUICK FACTS

- * Start packing 6-8 weeks before your move date
- * Average home takes 1-3 days to pack completely
- * Label boxes on multiple sides for easy identification
- * Keep essentials box with you on moving day

PACKING TIMELINE

6-8 Weeks Out	Declutter and donate items, order packing supplies, start packing rarely-used items
4-5 Weeks Out	Pack guest rooms, storage areas, garage, and seasonal items
2-3 Weeks Out	Pack books, decor, artwork, and most closet items
1 Week Out	Pack remaining items except daily essentials
Final Days	Pack essentials box, toiletries, and last-minute items

ROOM-BY-ROOM PACKING GUIDE

KITCHEN

- * Wrap dishes individually in packing paper
- * Pack glasses vertically, never flat
- * Use small boxes for heavy items
- * Tape knife blades with cardboard
- * Seal liquids in plastic bags

BEDROOM

- * Use wardrobe boxes for hanging clothes
- * Keep dresser drawers filled (remove for heavy items)
- * Vacuum seal off-season clothing
- * Wrap jewelry separately
- * Roll clothes to save space

LIVING ROOM

- * Remove TV from wall mount carefully
- * Photograph electronic connections
- * Wrap artwork in bubble wrap
- * Protect corners of furniture
- * Coil cords with rubber bands

BATHROOM

- * Dispose of expired medications
- * Seal toiletries in plastic bags
- * Pack towels to cushion fragiles
- * Keep essentials accessible

OFFICE

- * Backup all computer data
- * Label all cables
- * Pack files in order
- * Keep important docs with you

PACKING SUPPLIES

- Small boxes (books, heavy items)
- Medium boxes (general items)
- Large boxes (light, bulky items)
- Wardrobe boxes
- Packing paper
- Bubble wrap
- Packing tape (3+ rolls)
- Markers for labeling
- Box cutter/scissors
- Furniture blankets
- Mattress bags
- Stretch wrap

ESSENTIALS BOX

- Phone chargers
- Toiletries for 2-3 days
- Medications
- Change of clothes
- Important documents
- Basic tools
- Snacks and water
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- First aid kit
- Pet supplies
- Kids essentials

WHAT NOT TO PACK (Movers Cannot Transport)

- Hazardous:** Gasoline, propane, paint, chemicals, fertilizers, fireworks
- Perishables:** Frozen food, refrigerated items, open food containers
- Valuables:** Cash, jewelry, important documents (keep with you)
- Plants:** Most states restrict plant transport across state lines
- Pets:** Never pack pets - transport them separately

10 PRO PACKING TIPS

1. Use the right size box - Heavy items in small boxes, light items in large boxes.
2. Reinforce box bottoms - Use the H-tape method for extra security.
3. Fill empty space - Crumpled paper prevents shifting during transport.
4. Pack one room at a time - Stay organized and make unpacking easier.
5. Label on multiple sides - See contents no matter how boxes are stacked.
6. Color code by room - Use colored tape or markers for quick sorting.
7. Take photos of electronics - Document cable setups before disconnecting.
8. Keep hardware together - Tape screws to furniture or bag and label them.
9. Wrap plates vertically - Like records, not flat stacks. Reduces breakage.
10. Pack a first-night box - Sheets, towels, toiletries, phone chargers, snacks.

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