

Packing Tips for Moving

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Packing Tips

We highly recommend that you use Local Motion to pack your home. Our Packing Teams can pack an entire home in a day that could potentially take you weeks.

Packing Basics

We recommend that you use standard size moving boxes for packing your items. Local Motion's moving boxes are designed specifically for household moving, and are most efficient when we are loading your household goods onto the truck.

- Number and make a list of every box you pack and its contents so you can find things easily. List a brief description of the items in the box on the box label.
- Avoid packing in tubs with lids. The lids have a tendency to pop off while being moved.
- Use plenty of packing paper. Do not use newspaper to pack, as ink from the paper can stain your items.
- Limit the weight of your boxes to 50 pounds each.
- Pack heavy items such as books, records, CDs and canned food in small boxes.
- Pack plates, flatware, records and files on their ends. Avoid stacking items in a box.
- Pack bulkier, mid-weight items such as pots and pans in medium boxes.
- Pack very bulky, lightweight items such as pillows, children's toys, lampshades, etc. into larger boxes.
- Strive for a firm pack, filling any extra spaces with crumpled packing paper. This helps ensure that boxes will not collapse when stacked in the truck.
- Never overcrowd boxes, and never leave them open.
- Seal all boxes on the top and bottom with two-inch packing tape.
- Have every box labeled for the room to which you would like it delivered. Also, have the doors of the rooms labeled accordingly. This will help ensure that your move team places your belongings in the correct rooms.

Packing Fragile Items

The safe transport of your belongings is our number one concern. Fragile items must be packed properly to ensure protection in transit.

- Use plenty of packing paper. Avoid using newspaper to pack, as ink from the paper can stain your fragile items.
- Before packing the box, layer the bottom with crumpled packing paper. This will give the items a soft cushion to prevent breakage.
- Wrap each item individually with a sheet of packing paper.

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- Objects with delicate appendages should be individually bubble-wrapped.
- Pack individually wrapped dishes on end. Do not lay them flat.
- Crumple paper between each layer to ensure there is no breakage.
- Before closing the box, layer the top with crumpled packing paper. Also, make sure to fill all empty spaces with crumpled packing paper. Seal all boxes on the top and bottom with two-inch packing tape.
- List the contents of the box on the label, and mark the box "Fragile."

Perishables and Food Items

We highly recommend that you use Local Motion to help pack your perishable items on move day. Please [inform your Moving Consultant](#) ahead of time that you would like the move team to bring coolers to your home. If you choose to pack yourself, please follow the guidelines below.

- Canned foods are very heavy and should be packed into small boxes.
- Use coolers the day of your move to move items to your new location. Our movers will move the coolers if you wish.
- Any open boxes of dried foods such as macaroni and cereals should be sealed with tape to prevent spilling.
- Small containers of spices, condiments, or flavorings should be placed together in a small box before packing into a larger box.
- Please be aware that perishable items are not covered by insurance while in transit.

Hanging Clothes

- We supply complimentary wardrobes for your hanging clothing. There are ten wardrobes per truck, and each wardrobe holds approximately three feet of clothes. On the day of your move we place wardrobes in front of your closet for you to load. If you need additional wardrobes, please [contact your Moving Consultant](#).

Major Appliances

Appliances must be disconnected prior to your move team's arrival. Contact a service technician to prepare all major appliances for the move. Preparation includes the following steps:

- Have your service technician disconnect all gas lines.
- Have the water to your appliances turned off.
- Have all hoses and water lines disconnected and drained.
- Refrigerators and freezers will need to be emptied.
- Freezers should be defrosted, as melting ice could leak while in transit.

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