

Room-by-Room Packing Tips

Moving to a new home can be stressful and overwhelming. Use our tips below to start packing each and every room. Breaking the packing process down room by room can relieve stress and help you get organized!



Kitchen

- Defrost the fridge 48 hours before Moving Day
- Pack refrigerated goods in coolers with ice
- Wrap dishes in bubble wrap
- Use sectioned boxes for glasses
- Pack small appliances
- Pack dry goods



Dining Room

- Protect your kitchen tabletop by wrapping it in a blanket
- Roll up rugs
- Disassemble chairs and tables, if possible
- Pack decorations in bubble wrap



Living Room and Den

- Secure your electronics by wrapping them in bubble wrap twice
- Place big furniture in the moving truck first
- Remove bulbs from light fixtures
- Pack books, CDs, and DVDs in a box
- Wrap artwork and mirrors with bubble wrap or a blanket
- Roll up rugs



Bedrooms

- Pack your clothing in boxes or laundry hampers
- Keep formal wear on hangers in wardrobe boxes
- Organize your jewelry (and keep these valuables with you during the move)
- Protect your mattress by covering it with a mattress bag
- Store your bedding and pillows in trash bags or laundry hampers



Bathroom

- Pack toiletries and liquids together in boxes or storage bins
- Tape the openings of tubes, bottles, and dispensers closed
- Pack all towels, shower curtains, and bathmats in trash bags or laundry hampers



Laundry Room

- First, unplug the washer and dryer
- Disconnect the dryer vent and washer hose
- Tape the power cords to each appliance
- Throw away detergents and fabric softeners



Garage or Storage Unit

- Pack outdoor cushions in trash bags or boxes
- Wipe down any outdoor furniture before packing it in the moving truck
- Dispose of hazardous materials, like paint and fertilizer
- Wrap all tools in towels or blankets, then pack them in boxes
- Drain anything that requires gas before packing it on the moving truck
- Deflate all pool toys



Home Office

- Backup all files and documents
- Disconnect all cables and wires
- Detach the monitor from its stand
- Secure monitors and PC in bubble wrap twice
- Separately wrap mouse, keyboard, webcam, etc.
- Disassemble your office desk and chair, if possible



Game Room

- Secure electronics with bubble wrap
- Tape power chords to corresponding electronics
- Cover game tables with a blanket



Home Gym

- Clean and sanitize the equipment
- Wrap weights in bubble wrap
- Pack weights in secured, smaller, multiple boxes
- Fold or disassemble equipment, if possible
- Wrap bigger equipment with blankets



Important Packing Tips

- Pack an essentials box filled with clothes, toiletries, medications, snacks, and water. Keep this box with you throughout the move.
- Make a moving inventory that catalogs all of your items, their worth, and what box they're packed in.
- Prevent over-packing boxes. Heavy boxes can break, so don't risk damaging your valuables.
- Inform your mover ahead of time if you're moving big items like a hot tub, pool table, or treadmill.

Further explanation of the above each section.

Kitchen

1. **Defrost the refrigerator:** At least 48 hours prior to moving out.
2. **Organize dishes:** Packing dishes for moving isn't as hard as you might think. Just make sure to pack them carefully by wrapping them in bubble wrap. And refrain from overpacking boxes. Overpacking will make it more difficult to move the boxes and if a box incurs damage, you could lose a whole grouping of plates.
3. **Use sectioned boxes for your glasses:** It's a simple, secure way to transport them.
4. **Pack small appliances:** Start by removing any blades or loose components. Tape the cord around the appliance, tape any additional parts to it, and be sure to include the instructions.
5. **Pack dry goods:** Tape paper or bubble wrap around seasonings and pack jars containing spices or food on the bottom so they don't move around during transit.
6. **For refrigerated goods:** Store them in coolers with ice.

Dining room

1. **Roll up the rug:** Secure in plastic or use a rope.
2. **Pack chairs:** By removing the legs and placing them in moving boxes with the nails/casters in a labelled plastic bag.
3. **Secure kitchen table:** By wrapping it in a blanket and placing it in an area where it doesn't slide around.
4. **Pack decorations (this includes lamps, pictures, artwork, etc.):** By wrapping any items containing glass or ceramics in paper or bubble wrap.

Living room and den

1. **Secure electronics:** For TVs and computers, secure the screens using a blanket and unscrew the base (if the device has one). Tape the screws and base to the back of the TV.
2. **Pack furniture:** Place furniture into the moving truck before packing moving boxes. Remove the legs off couch and chairs to make them easier to manoeuvre into your new home.
3. **Keep electronic components organized:** Tape the power cables to each electronic component along with the HDMI or audio auxiliary cables and remote control.
4. **Handle artwork and mirrors carefully:** Wrap them in blankets or bubble wrap.
5. **Prepare your coffee table for transport:** Put furniture sliders under the legs so you don't scratch the floors when you move it. Cover the top of the table with a blanket to prevent scratching.
6. **Remove bulbs and lampshades from lamps:** Store in boxes, and cushion carefully. Wrap the base of the lamp in bubble wrap if it's fragile.
7. **Pack your books, CDs, and DVDs in separate boxes:** Don't make boxes too heavy or they'll break.

Bedrooms

1. **Pack casual clothing:** Fold them and place them in moving boxes. For formal wear, consider buying wardrobe boxes that allow you to keep the clothing on hangers during transport.
2. **Organize jewellery:** Put all valuables in a container you keep on you at all times during the move.
3. **Pack mattresses:** Put them in bed bags that will keep the mattress protected from the elements during the move.
4. **Keep all bedding and pillows clean:** Put them in trash bags to keep out dust and place them in labelled moving boxes.
5. **Pack your home office:** For crucial files, keep them in a safe or locked file box.

Bathroom

1. **Pack toiletries together:** Make sure to have easy access to them for your new home. The bathroom will likely be the first room you unpack.
2. **Organize towels:** Pack towels, toilet paper, soap, and more in one box for each bathroom your new home has.

Laundry room

1. **Move appliances:** First, unplug the washer and dryer. Next, disconnect all components including the dryer vent and washer hose, and tape the power cords to each appliance.
2. **Throw away detergents and fabric softener:** They're dangerous to transport.
3. **Use laundry hampers/baskets as moving boxes:** Pack hampers with socks, T-shirts, and more for an easy move.

Garage /storage shed

1. **Pack lawn furniture cushions:** Put them in boxes or trash bags.
2. **Dispose of hazardous materials:** Get rid of any paint, fertilizer, or weed killer — these are hazardous to move.
3. **Pack tools:** Put them in a tool chest. For items like a saw or hammer, wrap them in towels then pack them in boxes.
4. **Drain the items requiring gas:** For your grill or mower, drain the gas before transporting the item. Remove the gas tank from the grill (if applicable) and turn it in before moving.
5. **Deflate pool toys:** This will make it easier to pack them in boxes. s.
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Frequently asked questions

What packing supplies do I need for moving?

When considering how to pack for a move, you'll need to buy or find items such as boxes, tape, blankets, bubble wrap, a moving truck or trailer, and rope for securing loose items.

Where can I get free packing and moving boxes and supplies?

Websites such as, Facebook or stores like Jumbo, IKEA, Super Home centre etc, are filled with big selection of packing materials. Make sure to check these out a few weeks before Moving Day. Lastly, as moving is a common reality for many of us, which means once someone completes their move, they won't need their supplies any longer, therefore you can donate your packing material or dispose them in a recycle bin of your neighbourhood.

How do you pack dishes for a move?

Layer the bottom of the boxes with packing peanuts or paper. From there, wrap each plate in a layer of bubble wrap then stand the dishes up in the box. This is the best way to keep them secure. Once tightly packed, don't forget to write "FRAGILE" on the box.

How do I organize items before moving?

A great tip is to go room by room and organize items in each into three categories: Items you plan to keep, items you plan to donate, and stuff that goes into the garbage. Organizing before a move makes it much more manageable, as you only take the items you need.

How should I pack a moving truck?

To begin packing a moving truck, you'll want to put the heaviest items such as furniture and appliances into the truck first. Secure them with fasteners so they don't slide around. Next, add in the bulkiest remaining items before filling the truck with boxes. And for luxury/fragile items or electronics, it's ideal to pack them into your vehicle where they remain more secure.

GOOD LUCK !!