**Complete Moving Packing List**

**General moving and packing tips**

* **Pack like items together.**  Start packing each box with a layer of padding – it can be newspapers, bubble wrap, or household goods, like blankets or towels. Then, put the heaviest items into the box first.
* **Label each box and by it’s contents.** **Also be sure to label boxes “fragile” if they contain glass or fragile items.**
* **Pack a box of essentials.**  Screwdrivers, hammers, snacks, drinks, toothbrushes, a change of clothes, paper plates, plastic utensils and cups, a first-aid kit, medications, etc.
* **Refrain from filling boxes to the brim.** This prevents boxes from becoming super heavy and reduces the likelihood that they break or are dropped during transit.

Now let’s move to the packing checklist and tips.

**To ensure a successful move, you’ll need the following moving supplies:**

1. **Boxes.**
2. **Bubble wrap:** Bubble wrap keeps your items protected during the move.
3. **Dolly:**Carrying boxes between places could lead to drops. To prevent this from happening, include a dolly with your truck, it makes moving much easier.

Lastly, don’t forget to mark your moving boxes so you know exactly where it goes in your new home. On the top and sides of your box note the room name, the contents of the box, and whether items inside of the box are fragile. For example, a box you packed from the kitchen could say: “kitchen/everyday dishes/fragile.”

**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 labeled 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 maneuver 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 jewelry:** 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 labeled 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**](https://www.mymove.com/moving/guides/packing-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.
6. **Take your bike with you:** Use a bike rack on your car or SUV for safe transport.