



# Packing Tips for a Smoother Move

Pack smarter, protect your belongings, and save yourself time on moving day.

Good packing is the difference between a smooth move and a stressful one. A little extra care up front — the right box for the right item, the right materials, clear labels — goes a long way toward keeping your belongings safe and your unpacking simple.

## General Packing Tips

- ☐ Don't over-pack moving boxes — the heavier the item, the smaller the box should be.
- ☐ Start packing items you don't need right away as soon as you know you're moving.
- ☐ Avoid mixing items from different rooms in the same box — it makes unpacking much harder.
- ☐ Tape the bottom of every box, and tape the top closed tightly once it's full. Run two strips of tape along the seam and one down the center; add more if the box needs extra support.
- ☐ Wrap small or fragile items individually.
- ☐ Stuff the top, bottom, and sides of boxes with paper to prevent shifting, rubbing, and breakage.
- ☐ Avoid packing lampshades and fine china in newspaper — the ink can permanently stain these items.
- ☐ Stack boxes with the sturdiest on the bottom to prevent crushing, but don't pack fragile items too tightly — give them room to be cushioned with paper.
- ☐ Label the contents of every box and the room it belongs in, and group boxes for the same room together.

Packing fragile or valuable items? See [How to Pack Fragile Items Properly](#) on our blog for a closer look.

## Box Calculator

| Type of Dwelling    | Approximate Number of Boxes |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Studio              | 10 – 15                     |
| 1 Bedroom Apartment | 15 – 25                     |
| 2 Bedroom Apartment | 20 – 30                     |
| 2 Bedroom House     | 25 – 40                     |
| 3 Bedroom House     | 30 – 50                     |
| 4 Bedroom House     | 40 – 60                     |

*Note: The amount and size of your unique belongings will determine the final number of boxes you'll need.*

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