

Packing Tips

- ◆ Cartons may be obtained from a local retailer, moving company, moving truck rental company, or storage facility. We recommend moving cartons for dishes, wall paintings or pictures, wardrobes or other specialty items. Cartons should be sturdy and taped securely for handling. You will need scissors, moving tape (this is ideal and superior in strength and hold), a marker to identify each carton's contents and room placement and ink-free newsprint (from a moving company or storage facility)
- ◆ Keep converters from all electronics in a separate zip lock bag and bring with you. These are the items lost most often on moves.
- ◆ Create a "last on, first off" carton with the converters, basic tools such as screw driver, pliers, hammer; include any prescriptions, toilet paper, light bulbs, paper towels, cleaner, perhaps some bottled water or a coffee maker, some dishes and utensils.
- ◆ Pack heavier items such as books in smaller boxes so they will not be too heavy to handle.
- ◆ Remove all valuables, documents, and jewellery. Carry these items separately and with you directly.
- ◆ Dressers free of breakables do not need to be emptied. Socks, underwear and other clothing are fine to leave in the dressers.
- ◆ Wardrobe cartons with actual rods are available upon request from the movers for moving day and keep your hanging garments on hangers until moving day. One carton will hold approximately 3 feet of hanging clothes.
- ◆ Pack electronics in original cartons if available. Consider labelling the cables for easy reconnection.
- ◆ Place any screws in zip lock sandwich bags and identify what they are from. Either tape the bags to the item where they were removed from or place them in the "last on, first off" carton.
- ◆ Label all cartons as to room they are to be placed in, and what the contents are. This can be written on the packing tape directly. Consider also color-coded labels to identify rooms by colour. Identify all fragile cartons and ones that must be placed facing up.
- ◆ Ensure any liquids are well secured. Place any liquid soaps, etc. in a garbage bag within a carton so if spills or breakage occurs the spills are contained to the bag. Consider also bringing these items with you in the car to further insure your furniture is protected from possible spills.
- ◆ Do not ship flammables.
- ◆ Cushion each carton with crushed packing material on the top and bottom to secure the contents for shipping and handling. Towels and pillows are excellent for this as well.
- ◆ Smell is removed with talcum powder sprinkled in cartons such as books and magazines while charcoal or baking soda is used in refrigerators and freezers.
- ◆ Ask your estimator for a packing guide for further moving tips and suggestions.
- ◆ Anything expensive and breakable such as crystal, china, valuable paintings, etc. should either be packed by the movers or taken with you in your car. **Whoever packs the carton is responsible for its contents, even when cargo protection is purchased.**
- ◆ Consider cleaning rugs and curtains prior to shipping. If dry cleaned, leave as wrapped for shipping.