



Essential Tips for Packing Belongings for an Organized Relocation



Packing for a domestic move within the US becomes easier with strategic planning. At A Better Moving, founded in 2007 by Frank Martin, we help clients achieve efficient relocations. Use these practical tips to pack efficiently—whether on your own or with professionals. Start packing 4-6 weeks in advance and use quality supplies: sturdy boxes, bubble wrap, packing paper, tape, and markers. Keep each box under 50 pounds.

General Packing Strategies

- **Create an Inventory List:** Before packing, catalog your items room by room. This helps track belongings, estimate box needs, and simplify insurance claims if needed. Use apps or spreadsheets for digital organization.
 - **Declutter First:** Sort through possessions and decide what to keep, donate, sell, or discard. This reduces volume, lowers costs, and makes unpacking simpler. Donate usable items to charities for a feel-good start.
 - **Label Everything Clearly:** Mark boxes with contents, destination room, and handling instructions (e.g., "Fragile – Kitchen Glassware"). Color-code by room for quick identification during unloading.
 - **Pack an Essentials Kit:** Prepare a box or bag with immediate needs like toiletries, medications, a change of clothes, important documents, and basic tools. Keep it with you for easy access on moving day.
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Room-Specific Packing Tips

Kitchen Items	- Wrap breakables like plates and glasses individually in paper or bubble wrap, stacking vertically in boxes with dividers. Use dish barrels for added protection. - Bundle utensils and wrap sharp knives in towels or cardboard sheaths. Pack pots and pans with paper between to prevent scratches. - Empty and clean appliances; tape cords and doors shut. Discard perishables or donate unopened non-perishables to avoid spills.
Bedroom and Clothing	- Use wardrobe boxes for hanging clothes to keep them on hangers. Roll non-hanging items to save space and reduce creases. - Stuff shoes with socks or paper to maintain shape; pack pairs in original boxes or bags. - Fold bedding and linens neatly; use them as padding for fragile items in other boxes.
Living Room and Electronics	- Wrap furniture in blankets or shrink wrap to protect surfaces; disassemble if possible and bag hardware. - Use original boxes for TVs and devices, or custom crates; coil cords and label them. - Pack books spine-down in small boxes to avoid damage; wrap fragile decor like vases in bubble wrap.
Bathroom and Miscellaneous	- Seal liquids in plastic bags to prevent leaks; pack toiletries in a waterproof container. - Group small items like hardware or office supplies in zip-lock bags, labeling each. - For valuables or documents, carry them personally in a secure folder or safe.

Advanced Tips for a Pro-Level Pack

1. **Use Padding Effectively:** Fill empty spaces in boxes with crumpled paper or towels to prevent shifting. For mirrors and artwork, use corner protectors and picture boxes.
 2. **Consider Professional Help:** If time is short, opt for our packing services at A Better Moving —our trained team ensures everything is secure and insured.
 3. **Eco-Friendly Options:** Choose reusable crates or recycled materials to minimize waste, aligning with sustainable practices we've championed since 2007.
 4. **Final Walkthrough:** Before sealing boxes, double-check for forgotten items and confirm labels.
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With these tips, your packing will set the stage for an organized move.

At A Better Moving, established in 2007 by Frank Martin, we're here to support every step, from advice to full-service relocations.

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