

PACKING HACKS

FOR MOVING AND STORAGE

GATHER SUPPLIES

List of supplies you may need:



Boxes



Marker



Packing tape



Utility knife



Bubble wrap / newsprint



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Clean newsprint can serve as a buffer to help protect fragile items. You can also use trash bags, bath towels or blankets to wrap items.

By purchasing new boxes, you can be certain the cardboard is not compromised. Check your local stores for free boxes such as a liquor or hardware store.



MAKE A CHECKLIST

Packing for a move can be stressful. Making a list will help keep you on track and alleviate stress.

Pack room by room. Start with the basement or attic where most items are not frequently used. Clearly label boxes.

Refrain from packing boxes too full. Packed boxes should not weigh more than 40-50 lbs. Pack lightweight items in large boxes, heavier items in small boxes.

Prepare your furniture. Disassemble any furniture that you are not using. Do not wrap furniture in anything not breathable.

Set a timer and pack for at least an hour a day. This will prevent you from becoming burnt out through all the stages of moving.

Organize important documents and valuables. Place in separate boxes. Make an inventory of all valuables. This will ensure all items made it into boxes safely.

Take pictures of electronics prior to disconnecting. This will alleviate stress or risk of forgetting how to reconnect.



SORT AND DECLUTTER

Category Examples:



Toys



Kitchenware



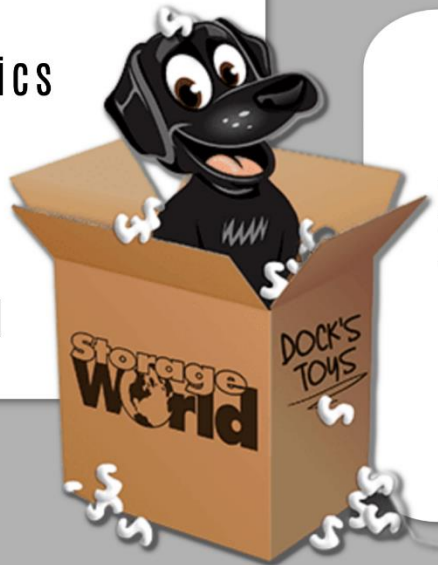
Electronics



Clothing



Seasonal



Unwanted Items?

Consider selling or donating your unwanted items prior to packing.

Any items that you have not used in a while will take up unwanted space that can affect moving or storing costs.

ROOM PACKING

Packing your items by each room will help you stay organized and help alleviate stress during your move.

LIVING ROOM:

Place bulky furniture in the moving truck first.

Pack books, CD's, and DVD's in a box.

Remove bulbs from light fixtures.

Wrap electronics twice with bubble wrap to secure.

Wrap artwork in bubble wrap or blankets.

KITCHEN:

Wrap dishes and glasses in sectioned boxes with bubble wrap.

Defrost refrigerator 48 hours before moving day.

Refrigerated goods should be placed in cooler with ice. ALWAYS NOTE: Food may not be stored in storage.

Pack small appliances into boxes.

Secure doors of appliances to avoid opening during transportation.

BEDROOMS:

Keep formal wear on hangers and place in wardrobe boxes.

Pack clothing in boxes or totes.

Pack your bedding and pillows in boxes.

Organize and pack jewelry. Keep with you during your move.

Use mattress bags to protect mattresses and box springs.

GARAGE:

Wipe down outdoor furniture before placing in moving truck.

Pack outdoor seating cushions in boxes.

Drain anything that requires gasoline before placing in moving truck.

Hazardous materials should not be placed in moving truck.

Wrap power tools in bubble wrap and place in boxes.



Pack bathroom towels, shower curtains, and mats in boxes. Be sure items are not wet.

Toiletries should have openings taped and placed in box. These items are not to be placed in storage.

Pack all daily used items and important documents in small boxes. Personally transport during move.

REASONS TO RENT

Climate controlled storage is a unit that is specifically designed to maintain steady temperatures and humidity levels. Temperatures are typically maintained between 55 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

Items that require climate control:

Electronics

DVDs, CDs, vinyl records

Collectibles

Artwork

Musical instruments

Photos

Household appliances

Furniture (made of wood, metal, wicker, leather or upholstery)

Storing wood in a standard unit can expose the items to moisture, leading it to become warped, cracked, or rotted. Leather can become discolored. Electronics can become cracked or rusted making it harmful to use at a later time. Photos can become illegible or disintegrate over time.

CLIMATE CONTROLLED

PACKING YOUR STORAGE UNIT

Follow these steps to maximize space in your storage unit while also keeping your items safe.

Keep heavy and fragile items low

Keeping fragile items close to the ground will eliminate any potential damage from falls. By placing heavy items low to the ground, it will avoid falling or boxes underneath giving out over time.

Utilize the height of the unit

Storage units are typically 8 feet high. Utilizing the height of the unit by stacking your items vertically will help maximize the most space.

Use shelves and furniture as storage

If you are storing dressers, night stands, or trash cans, you can use the hollow space to store more items. Utilizing shelves inside the storage unit will keep you organized.

Make an aisleway

Leaving a small walkway down the center of your unit will alleviate stress later when you are trying to find a specific item.

Use pallets

Help circulate the air flow in your unit by raising items off the concrete floor with pallets. By doing this you will help reduce any moisture build up.

Placement of items

Make sure the items that you will need soon are located at the front of the unit. Be sure to label your boxes for easy retrieval.

PROFESSIONALS OR DIY

Hiring professional movers can vary widely by location and by company. Most full service moves can cost anywhere between \$550-\$2000 for local moves and between \$2000-\$7500 for long-distance moves.

Factors that can affect costs:



Packing



Travel



Storage



Insurance



Supplies

Storage World offers FREE truck and van rentals with move-in. See your local Property Manager for more details.

