

Packing and Moving

Materials Needed:

Many, many boxes
Masking tape
Permanent markers
Paper (preferably old newspapers)
Dolly (if needed)
Transportation (car, truck, van, etc.)
Friends or people who owe you favors

Tips:

- Visit your local businesses to get everything you will need for your moving and packing.
- Ask the on-duty store manager for “free” boxes or purchase boxes at your local rental truck moving and storage places of business.
- Check the “paper-only” recycle bins at your apartment or school (ask before going into the bins) or save/collect old newspapers before the moving date.
- Convince your friends to come over to help you pack and move.
- Try not to pack your things in trash bags, because someone might throw a bag away...thinking it was trash.
- Avoid using string for securing boxes, use masking tape. You won't need an extra thumb.
- Pack items into categories. Avoid mix and match packing. Example: Kitchen-dishes and silverware should be packed into the same box.
- When labeling your boxes, do not write on the tops of the boxes, write on the sides. If boxes are stacked, it's easier to identify what's what.
- Pack your stereo or television last. You'll want entertainment while you are packing.
- Protect your glassware and other breakables by wrapping them up in several sheets of newspaper.
- If your move is long distance, do not pack meats and other perishable goods.
- Use a “dolly” (hand-truck) for moving heavy item. You don't want to strain your back. You can rent a “dolly” from your local rental truck moving and storage places of business.
- Most importantly, pack all your valuables yourself, such as rings, watches, chains, cash, bank books, important papers, medications, etc.
- Do not forget to lock the outside entrance doors and windows to the residence as you are making your final departure from the premises. Never leave the residence unlocked. When possible, it is wise to have the landlord present at the time of your final departure for three reasons: (1) final inspection (2) turn in key and (3) your deposit.