Move Like a Pro: Your Comprehensive Packing & Handling Playbook

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	BEDROOM ITEMS		
BEDS	Our adept movers will handle disassembly at your current location and expertly		
	set them up in your new space.		
	ODO NOT: Attempt bed disassembly without professional guidance, as it may lead		
	to structural issues. Let's keep those bed parts in harmony! 🎵		
MATTRESSES 🗎	Our team will provide a protective cover or mattress carton to keep it cozy during		
	transit.		
	ODO NOT: Roll or fold the mattress, as it can damage the springs and fabrics. No		
DEDDING	gymnastics – just mattress relaxation!		
BEDDING	Pack your bedding in clean 4.5 CuFt cartons or larger. Clearly label the cartons		
	specifying the type of bedding and the room they belong to. Consider using vacuum- sealed bags for items like pillows and comforters, making them easier to pack and		
	saving space.		
	ODO NOT: Stuff furniture drawers with bedding items; it's like giving them a		
	weightlifting challenge they didn't sign up for!		
CLOTHING 🍐	✓ Let our movers handle your hanging garments – from your closet to our		
	complimentary wardrobe boxes, they'll arrive wrinkle-free. Wardrobes will hold		
	approximately 25 hangers depending on the size of your garments. If moving to a		
	Storage, ensure your clothing is cleaned, and small items can find a stylish home in		
	suitcases or trunks.		
	ODO NOT: Use wardrobe boxes for heavy or non-clothing items as they may not		
	withstand the weight, and it could lead to damage. Wardrobes like a little breathing		
	room. Fashion has to breathe, you know!		
FURNITURE DRAWERS	Empty all dresser, server, buffet, bureau, nightstands drawers to ensure a smooth		
DRAWERS 🖴	move – for the safety of your furniture's integrity and the well-being of our movers.		
LINENS	ODO NOT: Transform drawers into mini gyms. No lifting competitions allowed!		
LINEINS	✓ Table and bed linens are packed in robust cartons or trunks. Opt for tissue or clean white or brown paper to protect them from dust. Label the boxes.		
	DO NOT: Line cartons with newsprint; ink stains and linens are like frenemies –		
	not a good mix!		
MIRRORS	Wall mirrors? Our movers will handle them all if they are not fastened to the wall,		
	but new wall installations are not on the agenda. Mirror tops on furniture will be		
	removed at Origin and reassembled at Destination. For Storage purposes or long-		
	distance moves, mirrors must be packed into mirror boxes or custom crates.		
	O DO NOT: Tape directly on the surface to avoid adhesive residue; use packing		
	paper or bubble wrap for protective layer and use mirror boxes. Mirror protection –		
	not a DIY project! 🚧		

BOOKS № JEWELRY	Books should be packed in small, strong, securely tied 1.5 CuFt cartons. They should be placed cover to cover, alternating bindings to prevent the pages from becoming interlocked and damaged. Wrap valuable books individually. DO NOT: Turn books into Jenga towers in furniture drawers or on bookshelves; they prefer a well-stacked storyline. Treasure alert! Keep your valuable jewelry in your immediate possession; it's the VIP of your belongings.
	DO NOT: Bury jewelry in moving boxes and avoid mixing with other items; they deserve a starring role, not a buried treasure plot.
	LIVING ROOM AND COMMON AREAS
BRIC-A-BRAC (Figurines, Decorative Items)	Individually wrap these delicate items with bubble wrap before placing them in cartons, boxes, or barrels. Use packing paper for cushioning, and ensure the larger, heavier pieces form a secure base at the bottom of the container. ○ DO NOT: Overpack containers' edge for optimal protection; let's keep them cozy without teetering on the edge! ○
LAMPS	✓ Safely remove ornamental tops, bulbs and cords storing them in a safe spot you will remember. Small lamps can be wrapped and secured in cartons for a smooth move. O DO NOT: Forget where you put those ornamental tops, bulbs and cords – a safe spot is key!
LAMPSHADES	 ✓ Wrap lampshades exclusively in white, clean tissue paper, placing them in cartons marked "Fragile". Nest them with care, preventing damage to lining or punctures to parchment shades. ✓ DO NOT: Pack them like a game of Tetris; we want intact lampshades, not a puzzle!
PAINTINGS AND PICTURES	Small pictures find a snug home between folds of blankets or ideally in Picture Cartons. Valuable or large pieces? They get the VIP treatment – wrapping with white or brown paper, bubble wrap, placed in cartons or custom crates for a secure journey. DO NOT: Treat paintings like playing cards; they prefer a more artistic shuffle!
GLASS TOPS ON FURNITURE	For utmost safety, glass tops are removed and wrapped with bubble wrap and/or fully padded with furniture blankets, reinforced occasionally with custom cardboard crates. Wooden crating is a must for storage purposes or long-distance moves. O DO NOT: Attempt any DIY ballet; we prefer a professionally choreographed routine!
GRANDFATHER CLOCKS	DO NOT: Remove the chimes, secure weight chains tightly against the base of the clock with wire or strong string and take off weighs and pendulums. The glass front of the clock should be custom cardboard crated and the clock fully padded with furniture blankets. DO NOT: Let clocks go acrobatic; they prefer a well-choreographed balancing act!
SEWING MACHINES	Local moves don't require special sewing machine handling. For long-distance, our movers will stuff paper in around the machine and place paper between the lid and base to prevent rubbing. Blankets will be used for protection as well. DO NOT: Turn sewing machines into paparazzi targets; they prefer a more subdued, private move!

STEREOS M	For stereo TLC, secure the tone arm and turntable, tying them against movement.
	Secure the changer to prevent it from sliding forward. For delicate, expensive
	players, consider a professional touch from an experienced serviceman.
	ODO NOT: Let stereos go freestyle; they prefer a little dance control!
RECORDS,	▼ Pack records on end, side by side, in small 1.5 CuFt cartons for optimal weight
TAPES, AND CD	resistance.
PLAYERS 🎜	ODO NOT: Overpack cartons and avoid using large size cartons.
FLAT AND	✓ Use original box and packaging materials as they are designed to provide the best
CURVED	protection during transport. Otherwise, wrap the TV in bubble wrap with the bubbles
SCREEN TVs	facing outward and the flat surface against the TV. Ensure that all sides are covered
	and wrapped. Use universal TV Boxes to fit the size of your TV. Custom Wooden
	Crate for larger TVs is recommended for added protection.
	ODO NOT: Lay flat the TV during transport; keep it upright to prevent undue
	pressure on the screen. Don't forget to label the TV Box as "Fragile". This alerts
	movers to handle the package with extra care.
CURTAINS 🕮	▼ Pre-move day, remove curtains from rods and fold them neatly into clean white
	tissue-lined cartons.
	ODO NOT: Give curtains a wild curtain call; a neat, folded exit is the way to go!
DRAPERIES	▼ For a safe transfer, draperies can hang out in wardrobe boxes or be folded into
	cartons. Alternatively, send them to the cleaners and then send them directly to your
	new home after.
RUGS	Our movers will delicately roll the rugs for you to avoid any unwanted crushing. If
	storing, a pre-move cleaning is the carpet's version of a spa day.
	ODO NOT: Make rugs feel tacky; remove any stray.
LINOLEUM	▼ For linoleum lovers, be aware that the moving company is not responsible for
	used or tacked linoleum. Cracking or breaking when rolled? It's a no-go. S
	KITCHEN AND DINING ITEMS
CANNED	☑ Upright and snug is the way to go for canned companions. Pack them in small,
GOODS 5	sturdy cartons, making sure not to exceed 50 pounds per container. Around 24 cans
	per carton should keep them comfortably cozy.
	ODO NOT: Turn canned comfort into a weightlifting challenge; keep it light and
	easy! 😂
FOOD 🍣	▼ For the journey, bid farewell to food in open containers that might stage a spill or
	spoil. Our movers won't be liable for food-caused drama on other items. Remember,
	perishable food gets a "stay home" or "donate" card.
8 - 4	ODO NOT: Turn the truck into a food fight arena; let's keep it spill-free!
CHINA	✓ China deserves the VIP treatment – wrap each piece individually in packing paper.
	Big and heavy go at the bottom, on edge, while smaller pieces find their place
	towards the top. Plates and dishes stand tall with paper padding in between,
	creating a secure, vertical masterpiece. Use only Dish Packs cartons or China Boxes.
	ODO NOT: Turn the container into a plate puzzle; keep them verticle and happy!
GLASSWARE Z	✓ Give stemware and glassware the solo treatment – wrap them individually. Please
	the wrapped glassware upright, not on their sides, whether in barrels, China Boxes or
	Dish Packs. No nesting unwrapped glasses, please.
	ODO NOT: Let glassware turn into a risky balancing act; keep them upright and
	steady! 😂

KITCHEN UTENSILS	Silverware likes its original digs or a cozy wrap in cloth or low-sulfur content paper. Pop them into boxes with a bit of padding to prevent any unexpected moves or scratches. Silver chests get extra padding love for a scratch-free journey. DO NOT: Let silverware turn into restless wanderers; keep them snug and secure! Clean and packed, kitchen utensils join the moving party in medium sized and large cartons. Heavy-duty ones find a comfy spot at the bottom, with lighter pals on top, each pampered against dents, chips, or scratches with crushed packing paper or bubble wrap. Individual wrapping for toasters, waffle irons, mixers, and friends ensures they travel safely with the utensil crew.
	DO NOT: Let utensils play Jenga in the box; keep them secure and stacked!
TOILET	BATHROOM AND PERSONAL ITEMS Seal your favorite lotions and potions! Use natural neil polish, paraffin, or masking
ARTICLES Ó	tape to secure corks and stoppers on cosmetics, medicines, and perfurme bottles. Wrap them individually with packing paper, stand them tall in small cartons, and keep the fresh feeling during your move. DO NOT: Forget to seal! Avoid any potential spills and keep your toiletries secure. Remember, a sealed bottle is a happy bottle!
MEDICINES 🚓	Seal bottles and jar stoppers of your medicines, wrap them individually in packing paper, and stand them upright in small cartons or metal waste containers. Label cartons clearly. Make sure your remedies arrive at your new place ready to bring relief. DO NOT: Mix with non-medical items; keep them in a dedicated box to ensure easy access when needed. Don't lay medicine bottles flat; keep them standing upright in small cartons.
VALUABLES 🛍	Guard your treasures! Legal documents, important papers, jewels, and currency should be your VIPs. Personally handle and keep them in your immediate possession. DO NOT: Let your treasures disappear into the moving abyss! Keep those valuable items in your hands, not in the moving boxes.
	APPLIANCES
AIR CONDITIONER	 ✓ Keep your cool! Consult with your authorized dealer or service pro for advice on your specific air conditioner model. Some sealed units may need to be securely bolted down for the journey. ✓ DO NOT: Assume that one size fits all; not all air conditioners can be transported in the same way. Follow the recommendations for your particular unit.
FREEZER	Chill out before the move! Defrost your freezer a day or two in advance, ensuring it's dry and odor-free. Consume perishables and consult your service expert to secure the motor, if necessary. DO NOT: Let it get frosty on the move! Empty that freezer, defrost it completely to avoid spoilage and other issues during the move.
REFRIGERATOR	 ✓ Defrost and dry your fridge thoroughly. Keep doors open for a breath of fresh air after defrosting. Remove and wrap pans, trays, shelves, and parts separately. Service the fridge, if necessary, bolt the motor, and resist the urge to plug it in until it's securely bolted at the new home. ✓ DO NOT: Rush the chill and don't overlook the importance of thoroughly defrosting, drying and wrapping all parts separately. This will ensure a fresh start for your fridge at the new home.

STOVES 🔥	▼ Turn down the heat! Disconnect gas stoves and tighten those gas lines before
	pickup. Make sure the gas lines are shut off tight and capped. For electric ranges,
	remove loose coils, griddles, fryers, and parts. Pack them separately for a smooth
	transition.
	ODO NOT: Leave it simmering! Disconnect, secure, and pack the parts carefully.
	Your new kitchen will thank you for the organized move!
WASHERS 🧼	✓ Automatic washers need some TLC from an authorized service pro. Check and
	secure the motor, protect that tumbler action, and fasten it securely in place, if
	necessary.
	O DO NOT: Spin out of control! Get the authorized service before the move. Keep it
	secured, protect that tumbler, and you'll be laundering in no time!
DRYERS 🏋	✓ Don't air your dirty laundry – secure that dryer! Consult your service expert for
	motor checks and security measures before the move.
	O DO NOT: Let it tumble! If your drying machine has transit bolts, don't forget to
	reinstall them before the move. A stabilized drum will prevent damage to internal
	components and ensure a safe journey to your new home.
	OUTDOOR AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
MOWERS AND	☑ Before moving, ensure gas tanks are drained, and oil reservoirs are emptied to
GASOLINE	prevent leaks and ensure safety during transportation. Remember, transportation of
POWERED	flammable mixtures or articles on public carriers is not permitted.
TOOLS 💑	ODO NOT: Attempt to transport gas-powered tools with fuel or oil in them; this
	poses a safety risk during transit.
TOOLS X	Generally, tools can be placed in small, sturdy cartons or bins. For valuable tools,
	wrap each one individually.
	ODO NOT: Overpack cartons with tools; ensure they are securely packed without
	excessive weight, preventing potential damage.
METAL	✓ Lock the drawers to prevent them from accidentally sliding open during transport.
TOOLBOXES 🕮	For larger toolboxes, consider removing heavy tools to lighten the load before lifting,
	wheeling and transporting. Balance the weight evenly within the toolbox for safe
	handling during the move.
	ODO NOT: Overload drawers; excessive weight can strain the toolbox's structure
	and hardware, leading to potential damage.
PLANTS 🔨	✓ Take personal care of your plants or entrust them to your florist for
	transportation. Moving plants in a truck poses significant risks related to high/low
	temperatures, limited light and air, physical stress from movement and vibrations
	potentially causing damage to plant structure and roots. The moving company may
	attempt to move them but doesn't assume responsibility for living plants.
	ODO NOT: Pack with household items; living plants require special care and
	attention. If transported by any means, prioritize the unpacking of plants to
	reintroduce them to a suitable environment as soon as possible.
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This comprehensive guide with packing and handling tips is designed to empower you with valuable insights for a smooth move. The standards outlined in this guide are not just words; they represent the very essence of our approach to moving – a blend of expertise, prevision, and protection. On your move day, you'll witness firsthand how our professionals implement these and other effective practices seamlessly.