

## Top Moving Tips

Moving can be stressful, but there are some tips and tricks that can make life easier!

### Packing Essentials

- You'll want plenty of thick sturdy cartons of various size
- You can get special Wardrobe cartons for your clothes if needed
- Stock up with plenty of boxes, tape, markers, bags and newspaper.
- Keep a toolkit handy for disassembling furniture
- Get bubble wrap, tissue paper, and foam for packing breakables

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- Tape remove controls & cables to the back of the relevant appliance, to keep everything together.
- Wrap your good china in butcher's paper before wrapping in newspaper. This keeps your china white!
- When you dismantle beds and furniture, places nuts & bolts in a small bag and tape securely to the furniture. This makes re-assembly much easier!
- Save room by packing your breakables with towels, blankets and clothing. Make sure these boxes are marked FRAGILE.
- Use your luggage to pack clothing instead of boxes. No sense in packing an empty suitcase!
- Start packing early, and do one room at a time.
- Keep an inventory list for each carton, and tape it to the box. This makes unpacking much easier, so that you can find a specific item when needed. Label each box on the top, and on the sides, so that stacked boxes can still be identified.
- Place your heavier items in small cartons, or at the bottom of a large carton with blankets and sheets to fill space. Make sure the box isn't too heavy to lift!
- Use plenty of packing tape to securely seal your boxes.
- Remember to remove the plate from your microwave, and tape the door shut!

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### Get Creative

- If you need lots of smaller sized cardboard boxes, ask your local bottle shop or supermarket.
- Consider using plastic storage containers instead of cardboard boxes. They are inexpensive, and come in many sizes. They are sturdy, stackable, and many come with a waterproof lid to protect your items. These containers can be useful for storing items even after your move.
- Hire a hand-cart or trolley for moving heavy items. They're not expensive, and can save you from back injury.
- Consider using heavy gardening gloves when moving heavy items.
- If a box contains sharp items or tools, make sure the box is clearly labeled so that you take care when unpacking.
- Prepare some empty space near your front door, and stack your boxes there ready for the move. This helps you see what you still need to pack, and helps you calculate the size of the vehicle you will need.