



Packing Tips

When you move, you should pack everything to ensure that none of your items get damaged during the moving process. You should start by getting boxes, wrapping materials, packing tape and other moving supplies. All of these items are available at our store, Grand Rental Station located at 1105 West Weir Street, Litchfield, IL 62056.

General Rules

- Pack up one room at a time
- Give away or donate to a charity any clothes, furniture or other items that you no longer use or need.
- Start packing well in advance and start with items you use the least

Packing Boxes

- Try to use same size boxes for ease of stacking and space maximization
- Stack items in boxes in layers, heaviest on the bottom then medium and lightest on top
- Place small boxes in large boxes
- Fill boxes completely, stuff open spaces with crushed paper to avoid any collapsing
- Don't pack boxes too heavy so they are easier to lift (maximum 35-40lbs)
- Seal and secure all boxes with packing tape to avoid unexpected openings
- Mark boxes on several sides indicating the contents and what room they belong in
- When possible use specialty boxes for specific items (i.e. Wardrobe boxes for hanging garments)

Furniture and Appliances

- Secure all moving parts on appliances and store in original container if possible

- Utilize inside of appliances and draws for storage space for small items and clothing
- Disassemble furniture as much as possible and place hardware in bags and tape to furniture for easy reassembly
- Wrap furniture in blanket or sheet to protect from scratches while in storage
- Use appropriate storage covers for sofas, chairs, mattresses, etc.
- For larger appliances check with dealers for any special moving instructions

Fragile Items

- Wrap items individually in clean newsprint or foam pouches, standard newspaper can smudge or dirty your items.
- Check all wrapped items for exposed rims, edges or sharp points and rewrap if necessary
- Bundle 4-5 individually wrapped items in more paper for added protection
- Stack dishes on their sides and glasses rim down
- Put a 3-4 inch layer of cushioning in bottom of each box to protect items
- Fill boxes completely, stuff open spaces with crushed paper to avoid any collapsing
- Place FRAGILE sticker on several sides of each box

Electronics

- Pack in original cartons whenever possible
- Pack components separately in amply cushioned boxes
- Label cables and tighten transit screws.
- If removing small items place them in an envelope and tape them to the appropriate component
- Place FRAGILE sticker on several sides of each box

Miscellaneous Items

- Wrap large pictures and mirrors in paper and store lying flat
- Corners of mirrors need to be padded to avoid cracking and breaking
- Pack toiletries in a leak proof container.
- Make sure all caps are on secure before packing
- Tie long handled garden tools together with rope or tape
- Drain all fluids from lawn and garden equipment