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Packing Tips

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The purpose of this document is to make it easier for you, our client, to monitor your pack and load process to make sure the packers and loaders and/or you are following best practices and to do everything possible to make your move a success. Sending pictures to your Personal Moving Assistant while your packers and loaders do their work is also important so we can monitor along with you. Please review this document and if you have any questions, let us know.

You are spending a lot to properly move and import your household goods. **Please don't skimp on one of the most important items: proper and sufficient packing and wrapping material.** If you do, even though everything else is done right, your items may arrive damaged, and no one wants that. Only use only double-wall boxes and only use thick furniture blankets. They don't cost a lot more and can make a big difference. We can show you where to buy these at the least cost.



Shake it 'till you make it!



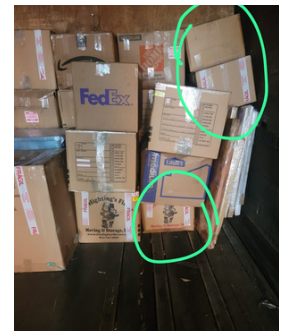
Surround items in boxes with cushioning on all 6 sides and cushion between fragile items. Never leave an open space (void), but don't overpack, either. In a properly packed box, when you shake it, nothing should move.



The pictures below show what can happen if you leave voids. Not good!



Before packing, photograph fragile and valuable items to discuss with your packers, loaders, and your Personal Moving Assistant.



If your items arrive damaged, you can prove to the insurance company that they were not damaged before packing.

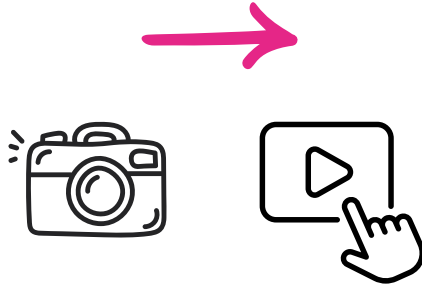




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If you need to reassemble an item, then you can look at the picture you took before packing so that the unloaders can get a better idea on how it was previously assembled.



Clearly show how to handle fragile items by labeling the box or the plastic around an item, but never put a label directly on an item. Please remember your items might be handled more than once additionally from your load, either on the transload, unload or at the shuttle if necessary.



Use special boxes for fragile flat items (TVs, mirrors, table tops, etc...)





First, crumple some paper and place at the bottom of the box so all your items are suspended. Then, individually wrap dishware. Pack plates vertically over the crumpled paper at the bottom of the box. Pack bowls horizontally and glasses and stemware upside-down towards the top of the box.



If the truck hits a bump, then the plates go up and down but they don't crash into each other

Box in a Box

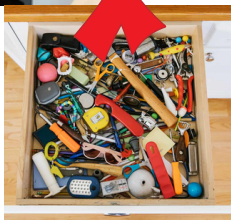
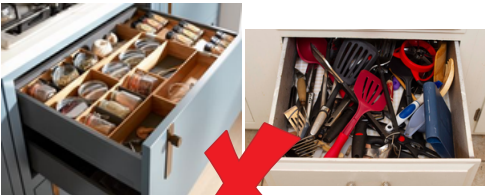
If you have an extremely fragile item, consider packing that item correctly in a box and then packing that box in another box, with lots of packing in between boxes.



Everything Inside a Box, if Possible

If at all possible, place items in boxes. Box loose items, even if they're wrapped.

Empty drawers before packing and loading. Items inside drawers can damage the inside of your furniture and/or break your furniture or the item itself because of the movement of the truck. Light items such as pillows and blankets are okay as long as they are not very heavy.



Use blankets (not just plastic wrap) on furniture. Always secure furniture blankets with plastic wrap. Don't leave any surface (not even legs) unprotected





Protect mattresses and box springs with two plastic covers (one over the other) so they don't get dirty or damaged. Or a pair of sheets that you will no longer use, then the mattress cover



If possible, remove table legs and mark any removed items so that you can reassemble them.



For tables with non-removable legs, cover all surfaces with protective materials, then plastic wrap.

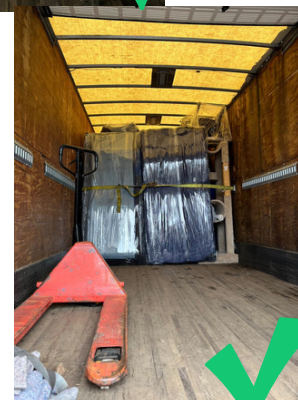
After using thick furniture blankets to protect the entirety of your furniture, secure moving blankets with tape and then several layers of plastic wrap to provide additional protection and to make certain that furniture blankets do not move. Never just lay furniture blankets loosely on your items without securing them with plastic wrap because the furniture blankets will fall off and your precious items will have no protection.



53' trailers don't have ramps or lift gates. If needed, use more loaders, a separate ramp or a truck with a lift gate to shuttle.



If we bring a 28ft trailer or a 26ft truck it will come with a ramp or liftgate.



Proper Loading Technique

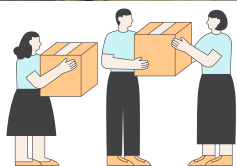
Straps

Load items tightly side by side. If possible, there should be no space between items, so they won't bang against each other when the truck is moving. Secure with straps.



How to Secure More Items

Use larger items such as a mattress to create a security wall that helps to hold items behind the mattress in place.



Pictures of Proper Loading

Please make sure you send us pictures like this as your items are loaded into the truck or trailer, roughly every 20 percent of your load. And please send us one final picture when your shipment is completely loaded. This will help our trans-loaders to know what to expect, so we can do our best job for you.



If you have any questions, please ask us. We are here to help you!