

## Buying and Owning a Home Packing Checklist

## Supplies:

Boxes, including special boxes like dish boxes & wardrobes	
Packing paper (newsprint can stain or bleed)	
Packing tape	
Bubble wrap, peanuts, etc. for fragile items	
Scissors / box cutters	
Markers / heavy-duty pens	
Rope / twine	
Heavy-duty padlock (for self-move truck)	
Mattress covers / mattress	
boxes Sofa / chair covers	
Furniture pads (check with rental truck company if included)	
Packing inventory list	

## **Packing Guidelines:**

- •Pack one room at a time.
- Number and label all boxes with room names. Don't forget to label Fragile and This End Up.
- •Make sure each box weighs no more than 50 pounds.
- •Pack heavy items like books in smaller boxes.
- •Wrap breakables carefully and stack fragile boxes on top.
- •Pack a box of things you'll need right away in your new home. Label it carefully and keep it separate from your other boxes.

## Helpful Hints for Loading Your Truck:

- •Place heavy items in truck first.
- •Place the largest items against the front wall of the truck and stack up from

there. •Make sure heavier items are at the bottom of the truck.

- •Load the truck in quarters. Once an area is packed tight, tie it to the side rails with rope.
- •Place large, flat articles like mattresses against the walls of the truck and tie them down.
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- •Fill in any open spaces with small boxes and light objects.
- •Pack tightly so things don't shift during travel but not so tightly that you cause damage.
- •Pack the box with the things you'll need immediately in an easy to reach space. You can also pack the box in your car.
- •Walk through your home after everything has been loaded on the truck. Open all cabinets, drawers, and closets to make sure you haven't left anything behind.