

ESSENTIAL PACKING SUPPLIES

Basic Tool Kit

For furniture disassembly.

Boxes

They can be purchased from your moving company, a packing-supply store, or you can get them from a grocery, liquor, or office-supply store (make sure boxes have lids and are clean and dry). Wardrobe boxes are the best way to move hanging garments. Measure the number of linear feet of hanging clothing to calculate the quantity you'll need. For the kitchen and dining room, use boxes with preassembled partitions to protect glassware. You can purchase boxes specifically designed to accommodate large items, including glass tabletops, mirrors, artwork, mattresses, and lamps. For books, choose small boxes. Those larger than 12 inches square can be difficult to lift when full.

Box Cutters

To quickly open boxes.

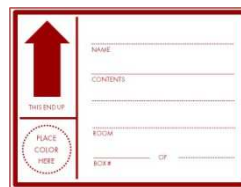


Bubble Wrap

For padding the bottoms of boxes, and wrapping breakable items. It's most economical to buy it in large rolls, and cut sheets as you need them.

Labels and Colored Dot Stickers

For identifying boxes.



Large Trash Bags

Packing Paper

White tissue paper or blank newsprint (avoid newspaper, which can leave ink stains on your valuables). Keep either on hand (both are available from packing-supply companies) to stuff boxes and wrap fragile items before packing them.

Pens and a Notepad

For making notes and writing directions.



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