

Packing Tips and Checklist

Packing household items for a move can be a daunting task. But with a well-organised checklist, you can streamline the process and ensure that your belongings arrive at your new home safely. Here's a comprehensive checklist to help you pack for your move:

BEFORE YOU START PACKING:

1. Gather Supplies:

- ❖ Moving boxes (various sizes)
- ❖ Packing tape and dispenser
- ❖ Bubble wrap
- ❖ Packing paper or newspaper
- ❖ Packing peanuts or foam padding
- ❖ Stretch wrap (for furniture)
- ❖ Scissors and box cutters
- ❖ Markers for labelling
- ❖ Labels or stickers

2. Declutter:

- ❖ Go through your belongings and decide what to keep, donate, or discard.
- ❖ Host a garage sale or donate items you no longer need.

3. Create an Inventory:

- ❖ Make a list of all your belongings, especially valuable or fragile items.

PACKING ROOM BY ROOM:

4. Start Early:

- ❖ Begin packing non-essential items well in advance of your move.

5. Label Boxes:

- ❖ Clearly label each box with its contents and the room it belongs to.

6. Use Proper Boxes:

- ❖ Pack heavy items in smaller boxes and lighter items in larger boxes.
- ❖ Utilize wardrobe boxes for clothing and specialty boxes for fragile items.

KITCHEN:

7. Pack Dishes and Glassware:

- ❖ Wrap each item individually in packing paper or bubble wrap.

- ❖ Use dish boxes with dividers for added protection.

8. Pack Appliances:

- ❖ Clean and empty appliances like the refrigerator, dishwasher, and microwave.
- ❖ Secure fragile parts with padding.

9. Empty Pantry:

- ❖ Use up or donate perishable food items.
- ❖ Pack non-perishable items in sturdy boxes.

BEDROOMS:

10. Clothing:

- ❖ Use wardrobe boxes for hanging clothes.
- ❖ Fold and pack other clothing in boxes or suitcases.

11. Bedding and Linens:

- ❖ Pack bedding, sheets, and towels in large boxes or bags.

LIVING ROOM:

12. Electronics:

- ❖ Disconnect and label cables.
- ❖ Pack electronics in their original boxes if possible.

13. Furniture:

- ❖ Disassemble furniture if necessary.
- ❖ Wrap furniture pieces in blankets or bubble wrap.

BATHROOMS:

14. Toiletries:

- ❖ Secure toiletries in leak-proof bags or containers.
- ❖ Pack medications separately.

MISCELLANEOUS:

15. Books and Documents:

- ❖ Pack books in small boxes to prevent them from becoming too heavy.
- ❖ Keep important documents (passport, birth certificates) in a secure folder.

VALUABLES:

16. Jewelry and Valuables:

- ❖ Transport valuable items personally or use a secure box.

LAST-MINUTE ESSENTIALS:

17. Essentials Box:

- ❖ Pack a box with items you'll need immediately upon arrival (toiletries, clothes, chargers).

18. Utilities and Services:

- ❖ Notify utility companies, banks, and other services of your move.

LOADING AND TRANSPORT:

19. Loading:

- ❖ Load heavy items first and distribute weight evenly in the moving truck.
- ❖ Use furniture pads or blankets to protect furniture during transport.

20. Checklist and Inventory:

- ❖ Keep a checklist of boxes and items to ensure nothing is left behind.

UNPACKING:

21. Room by Room:

- ❖ Unpack one room at a time to stay organized.

22. Dispose of Packing Materials:

- ❖ Recycle or properly dispose of packing materials.

Remember that proper packing is essential for the safety of your belongings during a move. Take your time, use the right materials, and label everything clearly to make the process as smooth as possible.