



Moving and Packing Tips

- If you plan to do your own packing, start well ahead of your moving day.
- Start on less important things and areas first, i.e., basement or books.
- Pack heavy items in small boxes (2 cu. ft.)/ light items in larger boxes (4-6 cu. ft.).
- All cardboard boxes should have flat tops and the bottoms sealed with tape, enabling the boxes to be stacked one on top of the other. No open or brimming-over boxes.
- Put all liquids in one box lined with a garbage bag, labelled liquids.
- Everything and anything that can go into a box should be in a box. i.e. lamps and shades, pictures, small appliances and misc. items, etc.
- Wrap rakes, shovels, poles, fishing rods, misc. tools together, 5 per bundle taped bottom and top.
- Dispose of all flammables such as matches, aerosols, fuels and propane tanks before moving, i.e. Drain lawnmower, and disconnect propane from barbecue.
- For those moving into/ out of an apartment, remember to book the elevator, or get an elevator key for the day of the move.
- Pack an overnight bag to have immediate access to the essentials for your first few nights in your new place.
- Wrap your breakables (dishes, glasses, etc.) in pillowcases, socks or other clothing to save on bubble wrap.
- In addition to labeling what's in your boxes, add what room they'll be going into. So, if you have people helping you, they know where to bring it to directly the first time. Avoid lifting boxes more than necessary.
- Colour code your boxes. Different colour for each room, or number your boxes.
- Cover the openings of your toiletries with saran wrap, then put the tops back on.
- Pack plates vertically, and some packing paper, or clothes, they'll be less likely to break.



- Saran wrap jewellery displays to hold them in place, or anything else that has a bunch of small parts.
- It is not necessary to empty dresser drawers in most cases if they are of sound construction and the access to your residence is good, but you should remove all breakable items and liquids.
- Disconnect headboards and footboards from your beds, if you are able. If you have a waterbed drain it well in advance. Disconnect mirrors from dressers and walls. If you cannot do this before the move, the movers can. Just let us know.
- Park your car away from the house the night before so the moving truck has easy accessibility to your driveway and curbside of your street.
- Keep small bags, like sandwich bags, handy for holding any small parts of things you must take apart (ex. like curtain rods, bed frames, or mounted flat-screen TVs).
- Take a photo of the cords on your electronics like TV, game consoles, routers, etc, so you can remember how and where all the wires go after the move.
- Keep cords for the same device together, wrap them with masking tape and write what device it is on the tape.
- Use less boxes by taking advantage of the empty space in all your baskets, laundry bins, hampers, and suitcases.
- If you're renting, take photos of your cleaned-out old home and your new home before moving in. Schedule professional cleaners if need be.
- If you have items that you want to get rid of but are too valuable to just give away, start selling online sooner than later, such as Craigslist or Used Vic.
- Arrange for a charity organization to come pick up the items you don't want before moving.
- Try and consume as much of your groceries before the move. Try and minimize large grocery shops in the last few days before the move.
- If you are bringing your refrigerator with you, remember to defrost it at least a day before moving and wipe up any liquid.
- Make sure everything is completely packed before Barry's shows up to help you move. If you need help packing, let us know. Give us a call and we can help.