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THE ART OF PACKING

IT'S MORE THAN JUST THE RIGHT BOX PLANNING MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

Whether you are packing your entire household yourself or merely handling a small number of your most precious items, a few simple steps can make all the difference in assuring that your items arrive safely at your destination.

Here are a few general tips from the professionals.

WHEN SHOULD I START?

- ❑ You should start collecting boxes well before you plan to start packing them. By opening both ends and flattening the boxes, they can be easily stored until you need them.
- ❑ If possible, plan to start packing early; remember, if you were to only pack a couple of boxes a day, in thirty days you would have sixty boxes packed.
- ❑ Start in areas where items are not in frequent use, like cellars, attics, garages, etc.

WHAT SIZE BOXES DO I NEED?

- ❑ In general, small, heavy items (like books, canned goods, etc.) should be packed in smaller (1.5 cu ft) boxes, and packed in multiple boxes so as not to make any individual box too heavy for safe lifting.
- ❑ Bulkier, but lighter, items (pots and pans, linens, small kitchen appliances) should be placed in medium to large cartons (from 3 to 6.5 cu ft.)
- ❑ Very bulky lightweight items (blankets, pillows, lamp shades) would go into the largest boxes (4.5 to 6.5 cu ft.)
- ❑ Hanging clothes should be hung in movers wardrobe cartons. These, and other specialty boxes like mirror/picture packs and mattress cartons, can be provided by your moving company.

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HOW SHOULD I ARRANGE MY ITEMS?

- ❑ Pack on a room-by-room basis. By not mixing items together, you will save confusion later when it's time to unpack.
- ❑ Dresser drawers need to be empty; movers will not move a chest of drawers with the contents left intact. Too much weight in the drawer could cause damage while your furniture is in transit.

WHAT TYPES OF THINGS CAN'T BE MOVED?

- ❑ For the safety of the shipment, do not pack any flammables, combustibles, or explosives. Movers will not transport aerosol spray cans, paint thinner, gasoline, or anything else that could be flammable or explosive.

CAN YOU PROVIDE MORE SPECIFIC TIPS?

- ❑ Absolutely! When you plan your move with Allwest Moving & Storage, your relocation specialist will provide you with detailed information on the materials you need and the recommended best practices for packing nearly every item you have in your home.

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