ROOM-BY-ROOM PACKING GUIDE

Make packing manageable by breaking it down room by room. Use this guide to stay organized and keep moving day stress-free.

LIVING & FAMILY ROOMS

☐ Pack books, DVDs, games, and décor items first.
☐ Wrap framed photos, mirrors, and artwork with bubble wrap or cardboard corners.
☐ Use blankets or furniture pads for sofas, tables, and chairs.
☐ Label cords and remotes in zip-lock bags (tape them to the TV or device).
☐ Roll up rugs and secure with tape.
☐ Dust and clean furniture before moving so it's ready in your new home.

KITCHEN

☐ Start with rarely used appliances and specialty dishes.
☐ Wrap plates vertically (like records) with packing paper for strength.
☐ Use pots and pans to hold smaller kitchen items.
☐ Tape silverware trays or wrap knives carefully.
☐ Place spices and pantry items in small, sealed containers.
☐ Toss expired or nearly empty condiments.
☐ Keep one "essentials" box with plates, cutlery, soap, paper towel, and coffee maker.

BEDROOMS

☐ Pack off-season clothing first.
☐ Use wardrobe boxes for hanging clothes.
☐ Pack shoes in original boxes or wrap in paper to avoid scuffing.
☐ Keep bedding sets together in clear, labelled bags.
☐ Empty nightstands and dressers into boxes — move furniture lighter.
☐ Pack jewellery, passports, and valuables separately to move yourself.

BATHROOMS

☐ Toss expired medications and products.
☐ Pack towels and shower curtains together.
☐ Put liquids and toiletries in sealed plastic bags to prevent leaks.
☐ Keep one toiletries bag handy for moving day (toothbrush, soap, shampoo, TP).
☐ Remove any hardware like towel racks or shelves if taking them.

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KIDS' ROOMS & PLAYROOMS

□ Involve kids by letting them choose a "first-night box" with their favourite toys.
□ Use lidded bins for toys and games—easy for quick cleanups.
□ Pack books, extra stuffed animals, and wall décor early.
□ Disassemble large play items (play kitchens, dollhouses) and bag small parts.

GARAGE, BASEMENT & STORAGE

□ Safely pack tools in sturdy boxes (bundle cords, secure blades).
□ Drain fuel from lawnmowers, snowblowers, or trimmers.
□ Dispose of paints, chemicals, propane tanks, or cleaners safely.
□ Group seasonal décor and sports gear together.
□ Coil hoses and extension cords neatly.

OFFICE

□ Pack important documents in a lockable or fireproof box.
□ Back up files before moving computers.
□ Label cables and take photos before disconnecting electronics.
□ Wrap electronics in bubble wrap or blankets.

EXTERIOR (PORCH, SHED, YARD)

□ Pack patio cushions and outdoor furniture.
□ Bundle garden tools together with twine.
□ Drain and coil hoses neatly.
□ Empty planters or garden décor (they can be heavy when full).
□ Clean and pack BBQ (remove propane tanks — can't move them).
□ Organise shed contents (power tools, lawn supplies).
□ Remove seasonal items (sleds, sprinklers, outdoor toys).

PRO TIPS

✓ Label every box with the room + contents. Use colour-coded tape for each room.
✓ Create an "Open First Box" for each main room (kitchen, bedrooms, bathrooms).
✓ Declutter before packing — less to move, less to unpack.
✓ Keep essentials (medications, chargers, documents) with you, not in the moving truck.

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