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Packing Guide

Good packing will reduce the chance of your household goods from being damaged. Careful packing will increase your chances of no damage to your goods.

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Learn how to pack

It is common knowledge that most people do not enjoy packing, particularly if the house being packed up is large. Nobody however likes ones household goods to be damaged on route due to poor packing. It is critical to the success of the move that the contents of your home be packed correctly and protected whilst in transit. Good packing will reduce the chance of your household goods from being damaged.

If your budget does not allow you the privilege of a packing service, doing your own packing can save you a considerable amount of money. If you wish to pack up the contents of your home yourself you will need to know what materials you will need and also how to pack up each item safely and securely to prevent damage. This guide contains useful tips and information on what to pack, what not to pack and how to pack up many different items. For example, how you pack up your pots and pans will be very different from how you pack up your heirloom china. Keep in mind that you can purchase all moving supplies from Aloha Moving.

If you do not have the time to devote to packing and can afford a packing service, Aloha Moving will be able to pack your household goods along with your furniture. It is critical to book this service in advance and not on moving day. Aloha Moving will provide the packing materials and the content of your home will be professionally packed up usually on the day of moving or the day before. Remember, this is what we do for a living and we have enormous knowledge of packing and know all the best techniques to protect your household contents.

You may also request that Aloha Moving do partial packing. Consider having Aloha Moving pack delicate items such as dishes, crystal, and other fragile pieces. You can reduce the risk of damage by letting us do the packing for these items while reducing your costs by doing the bulk of the packing job yourself.

Extraordinary value items

All items in your shipment, which are considered to be of extraordinary value, must be identified. You must advise Aloha Moving in writing that they are in your shipment. These items are defined as items having a value greater than \$100.00 per pound per article. For example:

- Antiques
- Crystal
- Precious Stones or Gems
- Art Collections
- Currency
- Silver and Silverware
- Cameras
- Figurines
- Video Cameras
- Computer Software
- Furs
- Coin Collection
- Oriental Rugs

If you include items of extraordinary value in your shipment, a High Value Inventory sheet must be completed and signed by you prior to your move. In the event of a claim, any settlement is limited to the valuation you declare for the entire shipment. If you fail to list all extraordinary value items and/or fail to sign the High Value Inventory sheet, Aloha Moving's liability for loss of or damage to those items will be limited to no more than \$100.00 per pound per article, based upon the actual weight of the article (does not apply to shipments under the "basic carrier liability" option).

You must declare the total amount of the released value that you declare for your goods. This total should include the value of items, including all items of extraordinary value. Record the total value on the bill of lading. Please note that the protection for items of extraordinary value is not available for shipments, which are released to the value of 60 cents per pound per article (basic carrier liability option).

Items not to pack

Read this section before doing your own packing and loading. It is important that you understand which items you can and cannot ship. There are rules and regulations that govern all movers to help ensure safety. There are also items you should not pack yourself, for example you may need professionals to pack up your exercise equipment correctly. The following list serves as a guide only on what NOT to pack. If you have any specific questions contact us.

- Flammable, corrosive or explosive items:
 Acid / Gasoline Poisons / Charcoal / Lighter Fluid
 Fertilizer / Paints / Car Batteries / Matches
 Nail Polish & Remover / Ammunition / Liquid Bleach / Stern
 Aerosols / Kerosene / Pool Chemicals / Chemistry Sets
 Fireworks / Pesticides / Motor Oil / Paint Thinner
 Batteries / Loaded Weapons / Weed Killer / Ammonia
 Lamp Oil / Propane Tanks / Cleaning Fluid

- Dispose of perishables such as food and plants that may die or spoil in transit. You should empty your refrigerator and freezers for at least 24 hours before loading. Keep the appliance doors open so the appliance will dry out and prevent the growth of mold and odor. Aloha Moving may agree to transport perishables if they are properly packed and require no servicing in transit and the shipment delivery is less than 150 miles and within 24 hours.

- Some articles are not accepted for transportation. Aloha Moving assumes no responsibility should these items come into his/her possession without his/her knowledge. Although these articles do not create a physical threat, it can create problems if your shipment is delayed or items lost. This can be avoided if all irreplaceable, sentimental items are carried with you.

For example:

Address Books / Files / Personal Video Tapes
 Air Line Tickets / Financial Statements / Photos and Albums

Car Keys / Furs / Research Projects
Bond / Deeds / Tax Records / School Records
Check Books / Jewelry / Sterling Silver
Coins / Letters / Stocks / Stamp Collection
Computer Software / Disks / Medicine

Type of boxes used for packing

Packing Materials

It is essential to use the right type of packing material when packing up your household goods to help prevent damage. This guide is designed to help you to choose the right material by showing you what is available. There are many different size boxes suitable for different items and there are a variety of other packing materials you will need which are detailed below.

The following boxes and packing materials are used specifically for household moving. These boxes and packing materials are manufactured especially to the moving industry specification. You can obtain all these items from Aloha Moving for a reasonable fee. Boxes used to carry glassware are very useful to the mover as they are usually very sturdy and often contain dividers to separate the glass containers. These can be very useful for packing glasses, bowls, vases and assortments of glass and delicate items.

Boxes:

- **Book:** (1.5 cubic feet), size 17 x 12-3/8 x 12-3/8: These small cartons are designed for heavy items, such as books, records, CD's, and canned goods.
- **Legal Tote:** (2.3 cubic feet), size 24 x 16 x 13: This box is specially designed for your files and folders.
- **Medium:** (3.0 cubic feet), size 10-1/8 x 18 x 16: This box is designed for non-fragile and moderately heavy items, such as pots, pans, linen, folded clothes, toys, games, etc.
- **Large:** (4.5 cubic feet), size 18 x 18 x 24 or (6.0 cubic feet), size 23 x 23 x 20: All large bulky articles, very light, such as pillows, comforters, lamp shades.
- **Dish Pack:** (5.2 cubic feet), size 18 x 18 x 28: This box has double, extra thick walls specifically designed for dishes, vases, glasses and other fragile items. You can also use cell packs or separators for china or glassware with individual compartments for the items being packed.
- **Mirror / Picture Box:** These narrow boxes accommodate different sized mirrors, paintings, other fragile items and flat items.
- **Wardrobe Box:** This box is equipped with a metal bar so clothes can hang.
- **Mattress Box:** Available in different sizes.

Miscellaneous Packing Materials:

- **Tape:** The most common tape used for carton sealing is a plastic tape called "PVC."
- **"Newsprint" Paper:** NEVER USE NEWSPAPERS as wrapping material. Newspaper ink has a tendency to rub off on items it touches and it very difficult to remove it from items such as fine china. Use "newsprint" paper as cushioning material.
- **Tissue Paper:** This can be used to pack up delicate or easily broken items by layering over an over again
- **Bubble Wrap:** This is another material used as cushioning material.

- **Styrofoam Peanuts:** Packing material used to protect fragile items. This material is lightweight, clean, lint-free and dustless and safe.
- **Ziploc Bags:** These can be used for an assortment of things including small bits and pieces you may have lying about in containers and drawers.
- **Magic Markers:** You will need markers to label the contents of each box.