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## PACKING GUIDE V1.2

This is not a comprehensive list, as our packing guide is still in development. However, these are all important to making your move as efficient as possible. These are all optional, but recommended as they will save time and money on move day.

- -Buy all of your boxes from the same place. Free boxes are nice, but end up costing you money because they are smaller, thereby creating more trips. They also are not conducive to efficient loading of the truck. I recommend u-haul for boxes, their prices are good and their boxes are quality. I do not recommend Lowes or Public Storage. Lowes has low quality boxes that crush easily, and Public Storage is expensive.
- -Mark the top and a side so that we can quickly identify where to disperse the boxes at the unload.
- -if you have empty space at the top of a box, put some packing material in as a buffer, to prevent the box from crushing under weight.
- -If a box needs extra care when loading due to fragile items within, please mark it accordingly.
- -Books/magazines in small boxes.
- -Storage totes work, but please avoid over loading them as many types of plastic totes have a tendency to crush/bend easily.
- -T.V. can be loaded as is, so if you don't have the box anymore it's no problem. We have a system for safely transporting any type or size of television.
- -Pack all liquids into a separate box, preferably transported in your vehicle.
- We prefer that dressers, file cabinets, etc., are unloaded. This makes the piece easier to maneuver, and also prevents any undue stress to the piece caused by extra weight.
- -If it can fit in a box, pack it! Small,loose items are one of the main reasons a move take a lot more time than it should. More small items=more small trips back and forth to the truck.
- -Remove and pack all lampshades and lightbulbs.
- -Pack smaller artwork when possible. For larger framed pieces or mirrors, we have a system for securing them on the truck. Mirror pack boxes are nice, but not a necessary expense. We individually protect every piece and tie them securely to the wall of the truck.
- We have a full compliment of tools and are capable of disassembling any bed quickly, but you can save time by taking care of this before hand.
- -If you have two stops, tagging EVERY piece with its destination will be very helpful. Blue painters tape works well, post it notes usually fall off.

All of this will help your move be safe and extra efficient. Thanks for reading!