

PACKING TIPS

Golden Eagle Moving Services is fully prepared to provide you with a full-service move including all packing and/or unpacking of boxes. We recognize, however, that each move is different, that different people have different needs and budgets and that you may wish to do all or part of the packing yourself.

We have available at reasonable prices a full stock of all packing materials you will need and we will refund 30% of the purchase price when you return purchased material after you have used it.

To help you with packing when you decide to pack yourself, we offer the following tips:

1. PLAN AHEAD TO OBTAIN NECESSARY CARTONS: We can sell you any cartons you might need in addition to other packing material such as paper and tape. You might save a substantial amount of money, however, by obtaining cartons from other sources such as friends who have recently moved and/or stores. Starting to collect cartons a month or two prior to your move will make it possible to obtain enough cartons.
2. SELECT THE PROPER SIZE AND TYPE OF CARTON: Heavy items such as books, record albums, canned food, etc. should be put in smaller cartons. Some items such as large pictures, mirrors, glass tops and shelves, clocks and mattresses may require special cartons, which we can provide.
3. PACKING OF SOME ITEMS IS OPTIONAL ON LOCAL MOVES: When you are moving locally some items do not necessarily need to be packed. Items such as floor lamps, mirrors, large pictures and mattresses can usually be transported safely for short distances without packing. Generally, these items should be packed for long-distance moves and for moves into storage. Lampshades must be packed if they are going on the moving van.
4. PACK ONE ROOM AT A TIME: Packing can appear to be an insurmountable task when viewed from the perspective of the entire house. Packing one room at a time (and staying with that room until it is fully packed) has the effect of dividing the overall task into several smaller and more manageable tasks. This approach also makes it possible to set realistic goals, i.e. pack the dining room today, the garage tomorrow, etc.
5. TAPE THE BOTTOM OF CARTONS: Taping the bottom of cartons before filling them prevents the contents from spilling out the bottom during the move.
6. HEAVY ITEMS ON THE BOTTOM/LIGHT ITEMS ON TOP: In each carton the heavier items should be placed at the bottom and lighter items on top to prevent damage.

7. USE A LOT OF PAPER: All breakable items should be wrapped individually in paper. Paper should be used to cushion the bottom, sides and top of cartons. Paper should also be placed between highly fragile and breakable items to prevent them from rubbing together.
8. PLACE BREAKABLES CORRECTLY IN CARTON: Plates should be stacked vertically as if in a dish drain; glasses and stemware should be placed in an upright position. Again, use plenty of paper on all fragile and breakable items.
9. CORRECTLY FILL CARTONS: Fill all cartons to the top without overfilling. Cartons with items sticking over the top cannot be properly closed or stacked; cartons that are under filled tend to crush when stacked. Always make sure each carton is filled totally to the top before closing. As small space at the top can be filled with paper, a towel, a blanket or other similar item.
10. CLOSE CARTON AND SEAL SHUT WITH TAPE: Cartons should be closed and sealed with tape to prevent damage and make stacking easier.
11. LABEL EACH CARTON: Use a felt pen to clearly label each carton with its general contents and the room it is to be placed in at destination. Label on the side of each carton rather than on the top so that cartons in stacks can be identified. If a carton contains fragile the word “fragile” should be written on the carton and an arrow drawn to show which end must be kept up.
12. STACK CARTONS: Time will be saved on your move if you arrange cartons in stacks of similar sized cartons four to five feet high. This enables the cartons to be easily dollied from the house to the moving van.

We are always willing to offer free advice regarding the best way to pack various items. Always feel free to call or e-mail our office if you need help with packing or have specific questions.