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Packing Tips

**Rules of Thumb**

1. Heavy items like books go in **small** boxes. Larger items like blankets/pillows go in **large** boxes. Medium boxes are for the in between stuff – like kitchen items and knick knacks.
2. EVERYTHING gets packed in boxes. They must be sealed and labeled. Plastic bags don't work!
3. Ask your mover to assist in packing large items such as artwork, mirrors etc.
4. Pack things you'll need immediately (like medications, bed sheets, alarm clock) in your luggage so you can immediately identify it.
5. Use Packing Paper! Newspaper is too dirty. Hercules can supply.
6. Leave clothes in dresser drawers – take out any breakables and pack them in boxes.
7. Leave clothes on hangars in closets. They can be moved 'as is' in wardrobe boxes.

**Plates/Saucers**

1. Lay out a stack of wrapping paper (Hercules can provide this). We don't suggest newspaper because, while cheap, it's VERY dirty.
2. Place one plate in the center.
3. From one corner, fold two sheets across the plate.
4. Place second plate.
5. Fold second corner across stack of plates.
6. Stack third plate and fold last two corners.
7. Turn wrapped plates over on papers.
8. Re-wrap entire bundle one corner at a time.
9. Seal bundle and place upside-down in carton.

## **Cups and Glasses**

1. Nest three to four to a bundle with protective wrapping in between.
2. After nesting, lay the stack diagonally across your wrapping paper.
3. Fold the corner closest to you across the stack, then fold the outside corners in.
4. Roll the glasses up and tape the stack up.
5. Liquor cartons with dividers are great to use. Otherwise, pack glasses close to the top.

## **Stemware**

1. Pack goblets and stemware singly – do not nest them.
2. Use the same procedure used for glassware.

### **Small Appliances:**

1. If you don't have the original container with packing material, pack appliances together in one or two boxes, with each one wrapped individually.
2. Use wadded up paper to fill spaces.

## **Pots/Pans/Bowls**

1. Nest pots and pans three to a stack (the same as glassware).
2. Wrap the bundle and place in a medium sized box.

## **Food**

1. Use common sense when packing food items, and be sure to label the box so that it can be opened quickly upon arrival. Don't put any food items into storage. Don't pack liquids.
2. Make sure everything is tightly sealed.

## **Lamps and Shades**

1. Remove lamp shade and bulb. Wrap cord around base of lamp.
2. Lay out several sheets of paper that extend farther than the lamp. Place lamp in center.
3. Line a box and place in the center. If you don't have a large enough box, leave it for your mover.
4. If you have several lamps, alternate tops to bottoms as you lay them side by side. Use wadded up paper to fill spaces.
5. Nest lamp shades. Do not use newspaper.
6. Do not pack anything else in a lampshade box.

7. Clearly label your boxes “Fragile”.

**Artwork/Pictures**

1. Leave large pictures and mirrors for your mover to pack.
1. Select a carton larger than your picture when open at both ends.
2. Open it up, flatten it out, and seal both ends.
3. Lay your picture face down on several sheets of paper and wrap it like a gift box.
4. Cover both sides and seal with tape.