

## **Packing Tips**

Packing is one of the most vital parts in a successful move. Keep reading to uncover the keys to a stress-free move!

## What is "good" packing?

- Limit your boxes to 50lbs or less for easier handling
- Wrap items carefully to provide cushioning to absorb shock
- Make sure the boxes are firmly packed, but without bulging or bending inward/outward
- Do not mix items from different rooms in the same box
- Leave your clothes on their hangers
- Label, Label, Label

## Where do I start?

- Start packing seasonal items first, then move to items used infrequently, leave the "everyday items" for last
- Pack similar items together
- Make sure to properly wrap breakables in separate wrap
- Label all boxes that belong in the same room with the same colors and/or numbers
- Make sure to label the room the box should go to upon destination
- It may be helpful to pack an "Open Me First" box for items that may be used immediately upon arrival in your new home
  - Items to be considered:
    - Cleaning Supplies: sponge, paper towel, dish towels, detergent, soap
    - <u>Kitchen Supplies</u>: paper plates, cups, napkins, plastic silverware, aluminum foil, small saucepan
    - <u>Bathroom Supplies</u>: toilet paper, towels, soap, lotion, deodorant, toothbrush/toothpaste, brush, shower curtain/rings, first aid kit
    - <u>Food</u>: Snacks, bottled water, or anything that should be refrigerated
    - Children: toys, puzzles, books, portable games
    - Miscellaneous: light bulbs, screws, nails, screwdriver, hammer, pliers, trash bags, scissors, pen & paper, level, tape measure, utility knife