

## **Packing Tips**

Packing is one of the most vital parts in a successful move. Uncover the keys to a stress-free move.

## What is "good" packing?

- Limit your boxes to 50lbs 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, when possible
- Label, Label, Label

## Where do I start?

- Start packing seasonal items first, then moving to items used infrequently, and finally leave the "everyday items" for last
- Pack similar items together
- Make sure to properly wrap breakables (each item separately) and secure them in a separate box
- Coding each box with colors and/or numbers and cross referencing them into a notebook can be helpful
- 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.
  - o Items to be considered are the following:
    - Cleaning Supplies: sponge, paper towel, dish towels, detergent, soap
    - <u>Kitchen Supplies:</u> paper plates, cups, napkins, Plastic silverware, aluminum foil, small saucepan, pitcher
    - <u>Bathroom Supplies:</u> facial tissue, toilet paper, towels, soap, lotion, deodorant, toothbrush/toothpaste, brush/comb, shower curtain/rings, firstaid kit
    - Snacks: Bottled water, pudding, snack size chips or cookies
    - Children: toy, puzzle, books, movie, portable game
    - <u>Miscellaneous</u>: light bulb, screws, nails, screwdriver, hammer, pliers, trash bags, scissors, pen & paper, level, tape measure, utility knife