

Packing Tips • if you do your own packing

Here some tricks

- * If you pack your own goods yourself, you will probably be able to buy boxes and paper of packing of your mover;
- * Move your valuables articles, such as jewellery, stocks, bonds, stamps or coins collections and fragile porcelain, pictures and paintings by yourself;
- * Use two inch moving tape to close your boxes;
- * If you can, empty your basement and bring the articles to the ground floor. You will save time and money;
- * If you decide to pack on your own, pay extra attention to packing. Indeed, packing is the key to a successful move: mispacked items are at risk and can be damaged.
- * Get sufficient quantities of packing materials and pack your items a little everyday: this way you won't feel overwhelmed.
- * Pack items room by room: unpacking will be easier.
- * Choose new boxes as they are stronger and won't collapse.
- * Protect the bottom of your boxes with a blanket, cloth or sheet.
- * Protect delicate items and dishware with bubble wrap or with paper towels: pack them individually.
- * Use boxes specially made for dishware or clothing on hangers (wardrobes)
- * Fill all empty space with cloth or newspaper: the contents of the box will be more stable.
- * Place light items in larger boxes.
- * Remove drawers from dressers
- * Use 5cm wide adhesive tape for the boxes' openings and edges
- * Draw a right side up arrow on the side of the boxes.
- * Identify your boxes with colors or numbers. Mark the content of each box and note its number on a sheet of paper. This inventory list will facilitate the placing and unpacking of the boxes.
- * Use blankets, sheets, carpets or a sleeping bag to protect your wall hangings, mirrors and long objects that do not fit into a box. Tighten with twine and mark "FRAGILE"
- * Pack objects such as lamps and lampshades with bubble wrap and adhesive tape; do not use newspaper which might dirty your items.

If you can, trust the packing to your mover, he is an expert!