

Ultimate Room-by-Room Moving Packing Checklist

A strategic guide to packing efficiently, protecting valuables, and staying organized room by room.

"Instead of packing your whole house at once, pack one room at a time. This makes moving day feel less scary and keeps your boxes organized. Always label each box with the room name and contents on two sides."

Essential Packing Supplies Checklist

☐ Cardboard boxes (Small, Medium, Large)

☐ Permanent markers & Box cutter

☐ Heavy-duty packing tape & Tape gun

☐ Protective furniture blankets

☐ Bubble wrap (for fragile items)

☐ Zip-top bags (for small parts & screws)

☐ Clean packing paper (for dishes)

☐ Wardrobe boxes (for hanging clothes)

1. KITCHEN PACKING CHECKLIST (START 4-6 WEEKS OUT)

- ☐ Dishes and plates (Wrap individually, stack on their side like records in a crate—never flat!).
- ☐ Glasses and cups (Wrap individually, fill empty internal spots with crumbled packing paper).
- ☐ Pots, pans, and sturdy cookware items.
- ☐ Small appliances (Cleaned toasters, blenders, and coffee makers).
- ☐ Silverware, sorting trays, and serving utensils.
- ☐ Knives (Safely wrapped so no blades pierce the boxes or cut handlers).
- ☐ Food items & pantry staples (Check expiration dates, seal bags tightly, donate what you won't use).
- ☐ Tupperware and plastic food storage containers.

Pro-Tip: Flat stacking puts too much pressure on the bottom plates, causing them to crack. Always pack plates vertically!

2. LIVING ROOM PACKING CHECKLIST

- ☐ Television (Pack in original box or wrap in furniture blankets + bubble wrap; always stand upright).
- ☐ Remote controls (Placed together in a clearly labeled zip-top bag).
- ☐ Cables and cords (Bundled, labeled, and taped near or to their matching device).
- ☐ Books, heavy media, and fragile decor items (Pack heavy items in small boxes).
- ☐ Lamps and lighting (Remove the delicate bulbs and lamp shades first before packing).
- ☐ Picture frames and wall art (Wrapped securely in thick bubble wrap layers).
- ☐ Throw pillows, accent cushions, and living room blankets.

3. BEDROOM PACKING CHECKLIST

- ☐ Everyday clothing (Pack inside sturdy suitcases or straight into tall wardrobe boxes on hangers).
- ☐ Bedding, heavy comforters, sheets, and pillows.
- ☐ Shoes and seasonal footwear.

- ☐ Jewelry and heirlooms (Pack these separately and keep them safely on your person, not in the truck).
- ☐ Nightstand contents and loose drawer personal belongings.
- ☐ Mirrors and vanities (Wrap thickly in bubble wrap and boldly mark as ****FRAGILE****).

Pro-Tip: Pack a "First Night Bag" with clothes, toiletries, and pajamas for the first 3 days so you don't hunt through boxes while exhausted.

4. BATHROOM PACKING CHECKLIST

- ☐ Toiletries (Shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, lotions).
- ☐ Prescription medicine and daily health treatments (Check dates; keep with you on moving day).
- ☐ Bath towels, washcloths, and floor mats.
- ☐ First aid kits and emergency supplies.
- ☐ Cleaning supplies and open bathroom essentials.
- ☐ Razors, nail tools, and sharp items (Wrapped safely to protect fingers).

Leak Hack: Place plastic wrap under the cap of each liquid bottle, then screw the cap on tight to prevent pressure leaks in transit!

5. HOME OFFICE PACKING CHECKLIST

- ☐ Computer, fragile monitors, and desktop accessories.
- ☐ Printer, extra ink cartridges, and paper stocks.
- ☐ Important documents (Tax, property, medical records—keep these on your person!).
- ☐ Active files, office stationery, and desk organizers.
- ☐ Device chargers, routers, and dynamic network cords (Bagged and labeled).

6. KIDS' ROOM PACKING CHECKLIST

- ☐ Toys and playsets (Sorted carefully into keep vs. donate piles).
- ☐ Children's clothes, shoes, and outerwear.
- ☐ Favorite books and school items.
- ☐ ****Kids' First Night Bag:**** Pack comfort items, a favorite stuffed toy, and pajamas last so they stay accessible.

7. GARAGE & STORAGE CHECKLIST

- ☐ Hand tools and power tool systems (Sorted by type into heavy-duty boxes or original cases).
- ☐ Sports equipment and fitness gear.
- ☐ Bicycles, skateboards, and outdoor toys.
- ☐ Seasonal decorations, holiday storage boxes, and gardening tools.
- ☐ Hazardous materials alert (Paint, gas, propane tanks—note what moving trucks legally restrict).