

10 PACKING TIPS

TO MAKE YOUR MOVE EASIER



Tips for Successful Packing to Make Your Move Easier:

- Don't mix and match. Pack one room at a time. Don't mix items from different rooms in the same box, otherwise unpacking becomes less efficient.
- Love labels. Label each box with a description of its contents, which room it belongs in and, if necessary, mark as 'Fragile.' Be sure to label both the top and the side of each box. This will be helpful for you and your movers.
- Colour code. Colour code your box labels, using different colours for different rooms or family members to make unpacking quicker.
- Size matters. Keep box size and weight manageable. Don't pack large boxes full of heavy items. Rather, when possible, use smaller boxes for heavy items and larger boxes for lighter items.
- Go green. Contact a company that specializes in eco-friendly moving. We're big fans of Frogbox, which rent out reusable, plastic, moving boxes, totes and wardrobes. Even better, Frogbox will drop off their moving boxes and then pick them up at your new place anywhere in Greater Vancouver, Greater Seattle and Toronto.
- Use what you have. Fill suitcases, luggage, backpacks and duffle bags with clothes and linens.
- Get the right equipment. Rentals of furniture pads and dollies are inexpensive and can be rented to help you move furniture, appliances, and boxes.
- Give yourself enough time. Moving is already a stressful time. Feeling pressed for time will only make the experience harder.
- Easy electronics. Take photos of your electronics cable connections to remind yourself which cords go in which outlet. Also, label each wire or cord and the port that you're disconnecting it from before removing it.
- Hire a pro. If the task of packing just seems like too much to tackle, remember that there are professionals who would be happy to take care of it for you, including full-service packing, moving and furniture re-assembly.

