



How to pack boxes

Assemble boxes. Invert box, fold in flaps. Place three long pieces of plastic packing tape across center seam, and one piece along each side seam. Do not cover any printing. The boxes must be taped properly so the bottom does not open when lifted.

Make bottom cushion. Put loosely crumpled unprinted newsprint or peanuts (for fragile items like china, glass) in carton bottom.

Wrap all fragile, breakable items in paper or bubble wrap. (Not necessary for soft items like bedding, etc.) This not only protects other items from it. Wrapping also helps things fit snugly in the box and prevents them from shifting. Use unprinted newsprint for most items, bubble wrap for very fragile things.

Pack large and heavy items first.

Pack smaller items next. Use these to fill in spaces around larger items.

Periodically lift carton to check weight - box should not be too heavy for one person to lift comfortably.

Fill all empty spaces with small items or crumpled paper or peanuts. Leave no gaps in the carton. This helps make it crush proof.

Make a top cushion Leave 1/4 to 1/2 inch of space at the top of the carton. Fill this space with crumpled paper. When closed, the carton should neither bulge nor sag.

Tape top seams securely.

Label boxes clearly. Write your name on the boxes. Write "fragile" only if items within are truly fragile. (Other wise, good loading decisions will be impossible.)

BOXES, PACKING PAPER, BUBBLE WRAP AND PEANUTS CAN BE PURCHASED AT ANY U-HAUL LOCATION IN YOUR AREA.