

Bruckman's Moving & Storage

Guide to Better Packing

Packing can be a tedious, time-consuming chore. It takes skill and the right materials to prepare household articles properly for packing.

We recommend that you have our professionals pack for you. We're trained in proper procedures, have the necessary materials and can do it in about a quarter of the time it would take you. We strongly recommend that we pack things like:

- Marble, glass tabletops, heavy wall ornaments and mirrors 40" x 60" or larger.
- Pool table slates
- Bulky, fragile items like trophies, statuary, chandeliers and other items that require crating.
- Antiques
- Major appliances
- Personal computers

Some things should stay with you as you move, including:

- Cash
- Securities
- Jewelry and furs
- Firearms and ammunition (consult local laws)
- Personal papers and documents such as birth certificates, insurance policies, deeds, titles, etc.
- Coin and stamp collections
- Special family photographs
- Moving-related documents

If you decide to pack yourself, we are happy to share the following trade secrets with you:

1. You can buy the cartons/boxes/barrels and packing materials you will need from us. We will help you choose the proper sizes and types of containers that you will need. This will save you valuable time compared to trying to track down suitable cartons at supermarkets. More importantly, our cartons are specifically designed for packing household goods. Packing materials include unprinted newsprint, bubble wrap, and tape.
2. Wrap fragile articles the way professionals do using two layers of unprinted newsprint per glass, dish, figurine, etc. Wrap them firmly, but loosely enough to provide a cushioning effect.
3. Don't overcrowd your boxes. Professionals pack boxes so articles cushion each other. Don't pack over the top of the box edges; the top of the box should close with only slight pressure. Do not mix incompatible items (like books with glasses). Use our special wardrobe containers to pack clothing. Without overcrowding, clothes will hang straight and stay clean and virtually wrinkle-free.
4. Glasses should be packed standing on end or upside down, not on their sides. Stack dishes on edge, and fill empty spaces with wadded unprinted newsprint. Before packing the dish-pack, layer the bottom of the carton with crumpled unprinted newsprint.
5. Pack lampshades, mirrors, pictures, etc., in cartons designed especially for them. Ask us for guidance.
6. Tape boxes across top and edges. Seal every opening tightly.