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Packing Supplies and Moving Tips Checklist

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Packing Supplies:

- Good quality cardboard boxes of various sizes
- Cardboard inserts for stemware and dishes
- Good quality, wide, packing tape in two or three colors
- Thick black markers Scissors Foam peanuts
- Zip lock sandwich bags Stretch wrap Bubble wrap
- Mattress bags Dust covers Velcro straps
- Rope Suitcases and/or overnight bags Wardrobe boxes

Packing Tips:

- Use zip lock bags for cosmetics, toiletries and small items.
- Remove light bulbs from lamps.
- Keep cleaning supplies handy for cleaning both the old and new location.
- Mark each box by location and contents prior to sealing the box.
- Clearly mark "Fragile, This Side Up" for dishes, stemware, lamps, picture frames, and other breakables.
- Place heavy items, such as books and dishes, in smaller boxes.
- Place lighter items, such as bedspreads and blankets, in larger boxes.
- Wrap breakables in bubble wrap and add foam peanuts to boxes.
- Pack valuables in unmarked boxes and place them in your luggage.
- Seal all boxes with tape to prevent spills and keep out the dust.
- Use different color tape to designate items needs immediately.
- Use stretch wrap to keep furniture from getting scuff marks and to keep dresser drawers closed.
- Use luggage to store toiletries, clothing, sheets, and towels that will be needed upon arrival.

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- Fill gaps in boxes with socks, towels, or foam peanuts.
- Use the non-sticky side of the tape to hold bed frames together. Place all screws and other hardware in plastic bags and tape them to the backside of the bed frame.

Plan Ahead:

- Wash and dry all garden tools.
- Safely drain fuel from lawn mowers, leaf blowers, weed wackers, motorcycles, mopeds, and ATVs at dispose of fuel legally.
- Clean and dry patio furniture.
- Dismantle and clean sheds and play equipment.

Packing Electronics:

- Take photos of all wiring connections.
- Use the original boxes and packing material when available.
- Use Velcro straps to group wires together.

The Day Before:

- Clean out the refrigerator and turn it off.
- Fill up the gas tank of all cars being driven to the new location.

Moving Day:

- Have snacks and plenty of water available.
- Hire sitters for your children and your pets until you are ready to leave.
- Keep your valuables and important papers with you at all times.
- Keep all prescription medications with you at all times.