

PRE-PACKING CHECKLIST

- Remove all stickers/tags from previous moves. (Ha! Good luck with that!) At a minimum, inform the movers of previous sticker colours and have them use a new colour for the stickers on this move.)
- Complete a High Value Inventory (HVI) for your valuable belongings and separate all those items into one room.
 - *Consider whether you need additional insurance for high value items.*
- Mark all items that are NOT to be packed clearly, including items you are hand-carrying and those that will stay in the residence. Things quickly disappear into boxes on Packing Day, so don't leave this too late.
- Prepare items as directed by the moving company, for example:
 - *Appliances like washers may need a blocking kit*
 - *Large items like pianos, pool tables or grandfather clocks may need professional preparation*
- Dismantle items like home gyms, cribs, play structures, and patio furniture.
- You may want to disassemble complex items such as home theatre systems; that way, you can keep all the parts and hardware together in a way that makes sense to you.
- Remove anything attached to the wall that you want to take with you, including racks, rods, mirrors and shelves.
- Clean carpets and drapes.
- Drain hot tubs, waterbeds, water hoses. Drain the gas from any tools like mowers or snow blowers.
- Inventory, appraise, and note the condition of your belongings.
 - *Consider taking photographs of any items you are concerned may be damaged during the move. This record will help in making an insurance claim.*
- Pull items out of attics, crawlspaces, and any hard-to-reach spots.
- Return library books and all borrowed and rented items.
- Confirm move dates with movers.
- Make a floor plan for the placement of belongings in your new house.
- Separate hand-carry items and suitcases that contain required items for the week of your move.
- Pick up your rental car immediately before your vehicle is picked up by the shipper.
- Clean out fridges and freezers.
 - *Use up as much food as possible and arrange to give or throw away any perishable food that is left.*
 - *Fridges and freezers must be empty on Packing Day.*
- Find a home for the things you cannot pack, such as firewood, propane tanks, flammables, aerosols, some plants, and all liquids (including alcohol and toiletries!)
- Empty out compost, recycling and garbage bins and arrange for their placement for pick-up after your departure.