

The Ultimate Packing Guide for a Smooth Move with Folkstad Moving Service

1. Start Early and Plan Ahead

- **Create a Moving Checklist:** Start by listing all tasks and items to pack. Prioritize by room, starting with less-used areas.
- **Declutter:** Sort through your belongings and donate, sell, or discard items you no longer need. This reduces the volume of items to move, saving time and money.

2. Gather Packing Supplies

- **Boxes:** Secure a variety of box sizes. Small boxes are ideal for heavy items like books, while larger boxes are better for lighter, bulkier items like pillows and bedding.
- **Packing Tape:** High-quality tape ensures boxes remain sealed during transit.
- **Bubble Wrap & Packing Paper:** These protect fragile items like dishes, glassware, and electronics.
- **Labels & Markers:** Clearly label each box with its contents and the room it belongs to. Consider color-coding by room for quick identification.

3. Packing Tips by Room

Living Room

- **Electronics:** Use original boxes if available. If not, wrap each item in bubble wrap and place it in a snug box with padding.
- **Furniture:** Disassemble large furniture if possible. Wrap cushions and delicate surfaces in moving blankets to prevent scratches.
- **Decor:** Pack framed pictures and mirrors in specialty boxes. Use corner protectors to avoid damage.

Kitchen

- **Dishes & Glassware:** Wrap each item individually in packing paper. Use dish boxes with dividers for added protection.
- **Appliances:** Clean and dry appliances before packing. Secure cords with tape, and pack each appliance in its original box or a well-padded alternative.
- **Pantry Items:** Use up perishable goods before moving. Seal spices and non-perishables in zip-lock bags to prevent spills.

- **Clothing:** Use wardrobe boxes for hanging clothes. Folded clothes can go in suitcases or medium-sized boxes.
- **Bedding & Linens:** Place sheets, blankets, and towels in large boxes or vacuum-seal bags to save space.
- **Jewelry & Valuables:** Pack these items separately and keep them with you during the move for security.

Bathrooms

- **Toiletries:** Ensure all bottles are sealed tightly. Place them in plastic bags to prevent leaks.
- **Towels & Mats:** Pack in a medium-sized box or use them as padding in other boxes.
- **Medicine Cabinet:** Dispose of expired medications safely. Pack essentials in a small box and keep them accessible.

4. Specialty Items

- **Artwork:** Use mirror boxes and corner protectors. Cover the surface with cardboard before wrapping it in bubble wrap.
- **Musical Instruments:** If you don't have a hard case, wrap the instrument in several layers of bubble wrap. Label the box as "fragile."
- **Plants:** If you're moving locally, water plants the day before moving and pack them in open boxes. For long-distance moves, consider giving them to a friend or donating them.

5. Labeling and Inventory

- **Labels:** Clearly label each box with the room it belongs to and a brief description of its contents. Mark boxes with fragile items.
- **Inventory List:** Keep a master inventory list of all boxes, noting any particularly valuable or fragile items.

6. Loading the Moving Truck

- **Heavier Items First:** Load heavier items like furniture and large boxes first, towards the front of the truck.
- **Distribute Weight Evenly:** Balance the load to prevent the truck from tipping or shifting during transit.
- **Fragile Items:** Place boxes with fragile items on top of heavier boxes and secure them to prevent movement.

7. Essentials Box

- **Keep It Handy:** Pack a box with essentials like toiletries, a change of clothes, important documents, and basic kitchen supplies. Keep this box with you during the move so it's easily accessible.

8. Final Checks

- **Walkthrough:** Do a final walkthrough of your home to ensure nothing is left behind. Check all closets, cabinets, and storage areas.
- **Secure the Home:** Lock all windows and doors, and leave any necessary keys for the new owner or landlord.

9. Settling In

- **Unpack Strategically:** Start with the kitchen and bedrooms so you can cook meals and get a good night's rest.
- **Inspect Items:** Check your inventory list and inspect each item for damage. Report any issues to Folkstad Moving Service as soon as possible.
- **Relax and Enjoy:** Take your time settling into your new home. Unpacking doesn't need to be done in a day!

For further assistance or to schedule your move, contact us at **Folkstad Moving Service**. We're here to make your move as smooth and stress-free as possible!

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