



Kitchen Packing Tips

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Many families cook each day, even multiple times each day. Start by packing up the items rarely used such as seasonal items, small appliances, bakeware and other items that will most likely not be needed prior to the move.

- **Pots & Pans:** Keep your frequently used pots & pans out, as well as your everyday dishes, until the last week before the move. For the last couple of days, pack the dishes and flatware and use disposable plates, cups, and cutlery. Pots & Pans are best packed in medium sized moving boxes where they can serve as the bottom or possibly middle layer of the box depending on their weight and size.
- **How to Pack China & Glassware:** Each piece of china or glassware should be individually wrapped in clean packing paper. Use several sheets and wrap diagonally from the corner. Tuck the ends of the paper as you go. Newsprint is acceptable for the outside layer. Larger glass and china items such as dinner plates and platters make a good bottom layer for the china & glassware box. Start by laying down padding in the bottom of the box, then wrap each item individually in clean moving paper and bundle them in groups of three with an outside layer of newsprint. Place these bundles on inside the box towards the edge with wadded paper or cardboard dividers in between the layers. The top layer of the box should be made up of saucers, shallow serving dishes and similar smaller items also wrapped in paper. Include lots of crumpled paper, air padding, or Styrofoam peanuts to fill the empty spaces and act as padding. Make Sure to Label the box “FRAGILE – THIS END UP”. Make sure to also label which room and a content summary of the box.

- Packing Mugs and Cups: Even if these items are packed into a special dish carton along with cellular dividers, there's a certain way to pack cups so that they will be safer in transit: Wrap each cup in tissue paper first, and use a separate piece of tissue paper to wrap the handle. Then insert the cup upside down into the cellular divider (or onto the top layer of a china carton, if not using cellular dividers). Make sure the handles of the cups are all facing the same direction, and fill all the empty spaces in the carton with wadded paper.