

# *the better the packing* *the better the move*



Professional packing is an added expense, but it often pays for itself in convenience and safety. Your mover has the expertise and materials to protect your possessions. Even if you have the time and energy to pack, consider leaving your delicate or fragile items (china, glassware, silver, clocks, etc.) for the professionals. If you're a determined do-it-yourselfer, do it right. **Ask your Coast to Coast agent about specially designed containers and materials.** You can buy them at minimum cost to assure maximum protection of your belongings. For more information, request Cost to Coast's *What Not To Pack* pamphlet.

- **Don't use newspaper for packing.** Newsprint fades, and the ink runs easily, possibly ruining the items it was supposed to protect. Instead, use newsprint, which is unprinted newspaper. It's available at reasonable prices from your Coast to Coast agent.
- **Pack toiletries separately in small containers.** Be sure corks and caps are secure.
- **Don't pack too compactly.** Give fragile items "breathing room" to avoid breakage. You can leave clothing in drawers — over-stuffing can cause drawers to warp.
- **Arrange for proper servicing of your appliances.** You can ask your Coast to Coast agent to arrange service for you.
- **Leave fitted sheets on mattresses to protect them.**
- **Spread your linens around.** Instead of putting them all in one carton, use your linens as fillers to cushion other items.
- **Put heavy items on the bottom and then fill up with lighter items.** Use smaller cartons for books, cast-iron cookware, etc.
- **Package stereo equipment and plasma televisions in original packaging, if possible, or have them serviced by professionals.**
- **Indicate contents on the outside of the carton.** If possible, designate which room the carton should go in — it'll simplify things at your destination. Be sure to indicate on the outside of the carton if the contents are fragile.
- **In one box, combine items you'll need immediately upon arrival.** Designate it "Unload First." Include necessities like toilet paper, paper towels, cups, a can opener, soap, etc.

## **Box sizes & what to pack:**

**Dishpack:** Dishes, China, crystal, Lladros, hard drives

**Small 1.5:** Books, tools, can goods, DVDs/CDs, magazines, small items that end up heavy

**Medium 3.0:** Pots and pans, electronics, anything toaster oven and smaller

**Large 4.5:** Blankets, linens, Tupperware, lamp shades, big bulky items that don't weigh a lot

**Mirror:** Glass, artwork, pictures, mirrors, some flat screens

**Lamp:** Floor lamps, table lamps, rakes, shovels, statues/trophies

**Wardrobes:** Hanging clothes (2 feet of closet space)

Anything toaster oven or smaller **MUST** be packed into a box.

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