

Helpful ideas to tell your packers:

- 1) Have them show up as early as possible on the day that they are to start. Packing out can be done over two days instead of one really long day. If you have the time, I'd recommend a two day pack if you have a lot of stuff.
- 2) Empty your trash cans and leave plastic bags on the doorknobs. Tell packers to put all garbage in those bags. That way your trash won't get packed.
- 3) Only pack what is in that room and leave those boxes in the room until the move. This means that items in the master bedroom won't be mixed with items in your child's room. It's much easier to sort and unpack in the end.
- 4) Leave unbreakable items in drawers. If you can keep clothes or items in a drawer, this is one less thing to unpack when you get to your new home.
- 5) Do not tape your plastic bins. It may leave glue and/or tape on the bins. Have them wrap it in paper or a furniture pad instead.
- 6) If it's on a hanger, it needs to be in a wardrobe box. It's much easier to unpack on the other side.
- 7) Pack yourself a "first box" with
 - a. Toilet Paper
 - b. Cleaning Supplies
 - c. Paper Towels, rags, etc
 - d. Paper plates and silverware
 - e. Shower liner and rings
 - f. Trash Bags

Helpful ideas to tell your movers:

- 1) Start as early as possible to load the truck.
- 2) Load any large rugs last and have them be the first off so your furniture can get placed on them.
- 3) Load washing machines last on the truck and have them installed first. You may want to start doing laundry as soon as you move in. Also have the laundry detergent packed and marked in a special box.
- 4) Have your DVD equipment loaded last with the TV and install them right away (or take them with you). This will help if you have kids to give them something to watch while you're unpacking (or use a laptop)
- 5) Have movers unpack at a minimum your wardrobe boxes and your wall decorations. This will substantially decrease the amount of boxes and paper in your home and can be placed away easily. You can ask the movers to unpack everything if you would like, it's in the contract that they are required to do so if asked.