Practical Packing Tips for an Organized Move: A Step-by-Step Guide by [company]

Four weeks out: plan and prep

- Create a master inventory by room, noting fragile, high-value, and oversized items you'll need special materials for.
- Order supplies early: small, medium, and large boxes; double-wall dish packs; wardrobe boxes; tape (2"+), paper, bubble, stretch wrap, corner protectors, and labels.
- Set packing goals by day and block 60–90 minute sessions to avoid burnout; start with rarely used spaces.

Three weeks out: declutter and stage

- Declutter ruthlessly: sell, donate, recycle, or responsibly dispose; fewer items = fewer boxes and lower risk.
- Stage a packing zone with a flat table, cutter, tape gun, and a "materials caddy" for pens, labels, and fragile stickers.
- Pre-assemble 6–10 boxes at a time and "tape H-pattern" bottoms for strength; write room and short contents on two adjacent sides.

Two weeks out: pack strategically

- Pack by frequency: seasonal décor, guest linens, books, then secondary kitchen and closets; keep daily-use items for last.
- Balance weight: heavy and dense items in small boxes, light and bulky in large; aim for ≤ 40–50 lb per box.
- Build layers: crush paper on the bottom, heaviest items low and centered, lighter and fragile higher, fill voids fully to prevent shift.

One week out: protect high-risk items

- Kitchen: use dish packs; wrap each plate vertically like records; glasses/cups individually wrapped; pad stems; fill voids fully.
- Electronics: photograph cable setups; remove batteries; coil and bag cables; use original boxes where possible; cushion corners.
- Art/mirrors: corner guards, glass-side "X" with painter's tape under wrap, rigid edge protectors, then place upright.
- Furniture: empty and secure drawers; remove legs/feet; bag hardware and tape to the main piece; pad corners and wrap seams.
- Mattresses: use breathable covers; keep flat; avoid folding unless manufacturer allows.

Last 72 hours: essentials and final checks

- Essentials box per person: medications, chargers, change of clothes, toiletries, basic tools, snacks, and a water bottle.
- Home essentials tote: box cutter, trash bags, paper towels, all-purpose cleaner, light bulbs, batteries, and first-aid kit.
- Label “Open First” boxes for bedding, shower setup, coffee kit, and basic cookware; set aside to load last/unload first.

Labeling and color-coding

- Use a color per room and place matching stickers on door frames at destination; write brief contents and handling notes.
- Add priority codes: “A” open first, “B” soon, “C” later; mark arrows and “This Side Up” where orientation matters.
- Number boxes per room (e.g., K-01..K-12) and keep a simple list in your phone for quick retrieval.

Safe lifting and loading basics

- Keep pathways clear; never overfill or underfill—domed lids crush, half-empty boxes collapse.
- Lift with legs, keep loads close to the body, and use dollies/straps for heavier items.
- Load heavy, stable boxes first and low; stack by size; place fragile boxes on top and secure tiers to prevent shifting.

Special categories

- Clothes: use wardrobe boxes for hanging items; roll or flat-fold off-season clothing; fill extra space with linens.
- Books: small boxes only; alternate spines and lay flat stacks to prevent warping; fill gaps with paper.
- Liquids: seal caps with tape, bag each bottle, and avoid glass where possible; pack low and label “Liquids.”
- Tools/garage: drain fuel 24 hours prior; sheath blades; coil hoses and extension cords; use tough totes for hardware.
- Kids and pets: pack comfort items last and keep accessible; prepare a familiar blanket/toy for first night calm.

Protecting value and simplifying claims

- Photograph high-value items and note existing marks; record serial numbers for electronics.
- Use right-size cartons and double-wall for fragile/heavy; avoid mixing very heavy and very fragile in one box.
- Keep receipts/appraisals in your move folder; if coverage applies, follow any packing guidance provided ahead of move day.

Room-by-room quick guide

- Kitchen: dish packs, cell dividers for glassware, wrap knives in cardboard sleeves, pad small appliances, bag loose parts.
- Living room: remove lamp shades and bulbs; wrap frames and art; coil cables; pad media consoles and table edges.
- Bedrooms: protect mattresses and headboards; soft goods fill voids; jewelry and important documents travel with you.
- Bathroom: bag liquids; keep a small caddy with daily toiletries; toss expired items.
- Office: back up drives; lock printer heads if needed; file boxes for documents; carry sensitive data with you.

Common mistakes to avoid

- Procrastination—rushing leads to overpacked boxes and breakage.
- Using weak boxes—grocery boxes crush; invest in moving-grade cartons.
- Skipping void fill—unfilled gaps cause shifting and damage.
- Vague labels—costs time at destination; be specific and consistent.
- Overweight boxes—hard to lift and likely to fail; split heavy loads.

How [company] can help

- Professional packing and fragile-only services, including dish-pack and custom crating for art and mirrors.
- Materials delivery, labeling systems, and color-coded plans for large homes or multi-stop moves.
- Flexible load sequencing so “Open First” and essentials are delivered where and when you need them.

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