

Special Item Packing Tips

Certain possessions require specific care when packing.

CHINA

Wrap each item separately in unprinted newspaper, and use a specially partitioned box such as the "Dishpak" (available from Mayflower).

STEMWARE

First, wrap the stems for extra protection; then wrap each glass individually and place upside down in a partitioned box.

MIRRORS AND GLASS-COVERED PHOTOS AND ARTWORK

Cross the glass with a series of masking tape "Xs" to help strengthen the glass, then wrap in a generous cushion of clean paper, and place in a flattened packing or telescoping carton.

SILVERWARE

Nest utensils in groups of three or four, wrap securely and place in silver chest or cushioned box.

LAMP SHADES

Handle shades only by the wire frames; place in large boxes. Shades can be nested in one box if separated by clean paper.

CLOTHES

Clothes can be folded and boxed. For faster unpacking, you can obtain special wardrobe boxes from your mover, allowing you to neatly pack by leaving clothes on hangers.

SMALL APPLIANCES, COMPUTERS, STEREO EQUIPMENT

If possible, pack small appliances, computers, stereo equipment and VCRs in their original boxes. Otherwise, cushion appliances with crumpled packing paper. Tape down moving parts, such as stereo turntable tone arms.

GLASS JARS AND BOTTLES

Pack with bubble wrap or several layers of paper. Secure stoppers or lids with masking tape to the top of the jar or bottle. Don't move flammable items.

STATUARY, FIGURINES, CURIOS

Wrap generously in bubble pack, wrap in a layer of clean paper and pack in boxes with plenty of crumpled paper or foam packing "peanuts" in between items. Objects with delicate appendages, such as

candelabras or figurines with extended arms, should be wrapped with extra bubble pack and surrounded by extra packing material.

RECORD ALBUMS, TAPES, CDS

Stack these items on end so they can absorb shock with less chance of damage. Pack tightly so they're secure and can't shift.

ANTIQUES, DELICATE FURNITURE

Movers can supply specially made crates to secure and ship fragile items and antiques.