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Quick and Easy Packing Advice by [John Cherry](#)

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Moving comes with unique problems that no other situation requires. For instance, you have to literally put your entire life in boxes so that you can unpack it all again once you get to your new house. No other situation requires this process. Packing is probably the worst part about moving, but if you have a plan, it can be more bearable. Here are some quick and easy tips to help you avoid some of the enormous stress that can come with moving.

1. Get your packing supplies prior to starting the process of packing. No one likes to get started packing and have to stop because you run out of supplies and have to go to the store.
2. Never pack your boxes heavier than 50 pounds.
3. Always pack your heavier items on the bottom of the boxes.
4. Use clothing, linens, towels and other fabric items to tuck into the spaces in your boxes. This will make your belongings less likely to break.
5. Do not over-pack your boxes. They should all be able to close without holding the flaps down as you tape them. Over-packing can damage the contents and make the boxes harder to move.
6. Smaller items should be packed in small boxes and then put in bigger boxes.
7. Always place loose items in small boxes or bags and placed in larger boxes so you don't have a bunch of loose items rolling around a big box.
8. If you have to move liquids, make sure they are in sealed containers or tape the lids on the containers and place them in a waterproof bag. The bag should then be sealed shut with tape and placed upright in a box. Be sure to label the box "this side up" so your movers know how to move the box without spilling your liquids.
9. Have a master inventory list so you know exactly what belongings have arrived at your new location and what you might need to make a claim for.
10. Move your clothes in their dresser drawers.
11. Pack an "open first" box that will house your essentials that you will require as soon as you get to your new place. Make sure the movers know to load this box last and unload it first, or keep it in your personal vehicle with you so you can unload it yourself.
12. Always keep your important documents with you in your personal vehicle. You do not want to leave them in the hands of your moving company and take the risk they could be lost.

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