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## Planning Your Move: 15 Packing Tips

If you are planning to do your packing yourself and you cannot obtain suitable packing material, we will gladly arrange to supply you with proper materials at a reasonable cost.

1. The recommended size of boxes for packing is 2 cubic ft.
2. We can also supply you with large boxes such as 5 cubic ft.. Lightweight articles, such as, blankets, pillows, large lamp shades and toys would go into those boxes.
3. At JMR you can also obtain packing paper (blank newsprint) and sealing tape 1 ½ inches wide (ideal size for packing).
4. Boxes should not exceed 50 pounds.
5. When marking boxes, we suggest you mark contents both on top and on the side for easy identification.
6. You can also indicate on your boxes which room it should be delivered to at destination. This will also save you time and energy.
7. If you plan to do your own packing, start well in advance of moving day by packing the out of season items. This avoids last minute rushing which may cause you stress and/or to forget other important details.

- 8.** Fragile stickers on boxes will alert you and the moving company to give special care to these containers.
  - 9.** When completing the packing of a box be sure to close the parallels flaps evenly and securing it with tape. Doing this will allow the lid to close easily without forcing.
  - 10.** Newspaper should be used only as cushioning material or for an outer wrapping never for wrapping articles, because the ink always rubs off no matter how old the newspaper may be.
  - 11.** Be sure to cushion with newsprint the bottom and top of the box when packing fragile items.
  - 12.** Be generous with the paper (cushioning). Remember that having less empty space in the box will prevent damage.
  - 13.** For utmost protection, place bundled flat items in the box on the edge, NEVER flat. By doing so, the dishes and glasses can endure greater stress when standing up.
  - 14.** You can also pack a "First Survival Box" with things you will need immediately on arrival at your new residence. Include instant coffee, crackers, small pan, paper plates and cups, plastic spoons, paper towels, screw driver, light bulb, scotch tape and any other items you may feel necessary.
  - 15.** Be sure not to pack away any important medications. Pack them separately and carry them with you
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