

Order to Pack

1. Start in the garage or storage room. Try to purge anything you don't need.
2. Proceed through rooms you use the least.
3. Seasonal items and sports equipment that are not in use.
4. Books, CDs and DVDs. Pack books in small boxes so they don't get too heavy.
5. Pictures, wall decorations and other home décor items.
6. Toys. Pack up the majority of your children's toys but leave their favorites unpacked until closer to moving day.
7. Closets. Keep enough towels and linens that you'll need in the last couple weeks, and pack up the rest. Pack out of season and formal clothes first.
8. Kitchen. Pack up your cookbooks, spices, pantry items, less frequently used kitchen supplies, dishes, silverware, pots and pans – while leaving a small set of needed dishes, glasses and cutlery for your "Open Me First Box".
9. Bathroom cabinets. Pack your regularly used toiletries last.
10. Keep your cleaning products in a handy box together with your vacuum ready for the final clean once everything is moved out. Your last task in the old house will be vacuuming and your first task in the new house will be vacuuming.