



Its Either Time or Money

Ask yourself how much time you have and how much money you are willing to spend

The Cost of Your Time

Type of Residence	Number of Boxes (20 to 30 minutes a box)	Time It Will Take To Pack
Apartment	30-40	15-20 hours
Town House	50-75	25-37 hours
Single Family Home	100-150	50-75 hours

The Cost of Professional Packing

If you do not have the time or energy to pack , you can hire professionals. Full pack service by a professional mover will add 75% to 100 % to the cost of a local move because of packing materials and labor.

Save Money

Don't be penny wise and pound foolish.

There are some things you should never pack yourself

- Mirrors
- Lamps
- Large pictures
- Hanging clothes.
- Flat Panel Televisions

Those items can be packed on move day in rental containers with a minimum of cost and inconvenience. For example, you can rent a wardrobe carton, which will move a minimum of 24 garments for less than it costs to have one rumpled garment dry-cleaned and pressed. Specialty cartons large enough for lamps, pictures and mirrors are simply too expensive for one time use. We have unique crush proof rental cartons available for quick and safe packing on the day of your move. **Ask about our SmartPack® Move System.**

Basic Packing Guidelines

- The average person uses 5-10 cartons per room.
- Plan on using a lot of tape. one roll of tape for every 10 - 15 cartons.
- Use the right carton for the right job.
- Label every carton immediately upon sealing.
- Packed cartons should weigh less than 50 lbs.
- Keep items from the same room together as much as possible.
- One carton stacked on another while packing can reduce back strain.
- Not all companies will accept open top boxes. Our SmartPack® Vans allow you to do so.
- Consider rental cartons for clothes, lamps, mirrors and pictures

Plan Ahead

- **Purchase** approximately 5 cartons for each room—more for kitchens, basements & libraries.
- **Repack** attic items, children's clothes and holiday decorations while you have the chance.
- **Stock up** on tape. To be properly sealed, a carton should be taped at every seam. You'll need a roll of tape for every 15-20 cartons.
- **Plan** on packing 2-3 cartons per evening.
- **Plan** on allowing 20-30 minutes packing time per carton.
- **Pack** seldom used items first.
- **Plan** to take along a few items every time you make a trip to your new home.
- **Select** the correct carton for each item.
- **Save your back and legs** from strain. Place cartons to be packed at waist level. The less you bend the less you'll ache.
- **Do not** pack with newspapers! You'll stain not only your hands but also the items you are packing. Use clean white newsprint.
- **Cushion** both the bottom and the top of cartons with crumpled paper.
- **Pack** the heaviest items at the bottom of the carton.
- **Label** every carton immediately upon sealing. Designate contents and room
- **Rental crates and boxes** from Beltway Movers is the best option for clothing, pictures, mirrors and flat panel televisions.

Correct Size Cartons Are The Key

- **Book cartons:** Use for books, records, CD's, DVD's, video cassettes, canned goods and other similar, small, heavy items.
- **Medium cartons:** The most versatile carton. Use for kitchen items, room accessories, or children's toys
- **Large Cartons:** Use for linens, light weight bulk items such as plastic storage containers, toys, comforters, throw pillows, etc. Special care must be taken to not overload a carton of this size.

Beltway offers moving supplies for sale at their offices or for delivery. Be sure to talk to your consultant about rental boxes and crates for your clothing, artwork and flat panel televisions.

Learn Packing Basics

- **APPLIANCES:** Wrap small appliances and place in sturdy cartons with heaviest items on the bottom. Have an authorized service person prepare all large appliances prior to move day.
- **BOOKS:** A book carton will hold 2 linear shelf feet of hard back books. Alternate bindings and pack on edge. Don't overload.
- **BEDDING:** Fold and pack all sheets and bedding in clean cartons. Beds will be dismantled by BMA and set up in your new home. Mattresses can be protected by covering them with old sheets, mattress covers or you can purchase BMA mattress cartons.
- **CHINA:** Pack plates, platters and saucers on edge—not flat. Wrap each item separately and place in strong cartons. Pack in layers with padding between each layer as well as on top and bottom of carton. Use paper plates as cushioning. When you unpack, you will have paperware for the first few meals in your new home.

- **CLOTHING:** Hanging clothing can be easily handled on move day. We can transfer them directly from the closet to handy wardrobe cartons. Each wardrobe holds 2 feet of hanging clothing. The rental price is much less than the cost of dry cleaning.
- **DRAPES:** Place on hanger in a wardrobe carton.
- **DRAWERS:** Whether dresser, desk or hutch - don't overload. Remove spillables and very fragile items and then leave remaining contents in place. Do Not Tape drawers shut--the tape will damage your furniture's finish.
- **FOODSTUFFS:** Pack upright with no more than 24-30 cans per carton. Don't attempt to move perishables without advice from your moving consultant. Tape over open top boxes and shakers.
- **GLASSWARE:** Pack in large china cartons. Stuff each glass with tissue. Don't pack unwrapped glasses inside each other.
- **LAMPS AND SHADES:** Remove bulbs and shades. Roll up cord. Pack with bedding or wrap separately and place in clean cartons. Wrap shades completely in tissue—not newspaper—it stains. Lamps too large for you to pack can be quickly and safely placed in **Beltway's Crush-Proof® Cartons**.
- **MIRRORS-PAINTINGS-PICTURES:** Tell **Beltway** about valuable paintings which will need special care. Wrap small items and place on edge in cartons. Large wall mirrors and pictures can be taken down by movers and slipped into our **CrushProofs® Cartons**—just like slices of bread into a toaster.
- **OPEN CARTONS:** Some open top cartons can be handled on move day because of **Beltway's SmartPack®** exclusive two (2) tier van design.
- **ROOM ACCESSORIES:** Wrap separately and pack snugly in cartons. Be sure that any spillable materials have been placed in containers which are sealed. Pad carefully so items won't shift.
- **TOOLS:** Remove fuel from power tools. Pack in small, strong cartons
- **TELEVISIONS:** Flat panel televisions should be packed in their original boxes or rent a flat panel crate from Beltway Movers for the day of the move. Flat Panels must remain upright during transport.