

MEN ON THE MOVE

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Moving Tips, Don't Pack These Items

During any move, there are certain items that you should and will want to keep with you. Below you will find a list of some of the items that should not pack or at the very least during a short move, should be placed onto the moving truck last for first removal. If you do pack these items, be sure that the box is very well labeled and that your other belongings are not stacked on top of this box or that you do not otherwise make this box inaccessible. Handle these items personally and make sure that other people are aware of your need to keep this box handy at all times.

- Cleaning supplies. You will need cleaning supplies to clean up your old home and to do any immediate or necessary cleaning when you get to your new home.
- Sheets and towels. Make sure to not pack a set of sheets per bed and enough towels for bathing.
- A utility knife, hammer, and screwdriver. You will need a knife to open your packed boxes and a hammer and screwdriver (Phillips and slotted) for quick fixes, picture hanging or any number of other uses.
- Important papers. Keep all of your most important documents, including medical and insurance with you so you have immediate and easy access to them if needed. If you have an inventory list of packed items, you will want to keep those papers with you too.
- An extension cord. Make sure you have a reasonably long (25' or greater) cord.
- Lightbulbs. Previous owners may have removed bulbs or you may simply need to replace burned out bulbs.
- At least one flashlight. If you have portable trouble lights, it's always a good idea to keep it handy.
- A phone. You will want to be able to contact people and have others able to contact you.
- Your address book. During all of the confusion of a move, it's easy to forget phone numbers, plus if you are moving a long distance you may wish to send postcards or mail from stops along your destination route.
- Basic dishes. You'll need to eat and have dishes and utensils to eat with. Disposable plates and silverware may be a good idea, just make sure that you have enough to last a couple of days.
- Valuable jewelry. For security, you should keep valuables with you.
- Favorite toys. Your children will feel more secure if they can have something familiar and loved when they arrive at their new home.
- Medications. If you need to take any medications, you should always keep them with you during your move.

A few other things to keep with you:

- toilet paper
- snack foods
- bottled water or other beverages
- a complete change of clothes for everyone
- toothpaste, toothbrush, soap
- first aid kit
- food and water for your animals

If you follow these and the other moving tips offered by Men On The Move, your move should be less stressful and more efficient.