



Packing With Atlas

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PACKING FOR YOUR MOVE

Proper packing is essential for a successful move, which is why many families trust the packing of their treasured possessions to the professionals, especially for a long distance move. When you rely on Atlas Canada to pack/unpack your belongings, you are in the most skilled hands. Our trained packers use a range of high-quality cartons and materials specially designed for maximum protection.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND CARE

When you trust Atlas Canada to handle your packing, you can count on receiving:

- ✓ Formally trained Atlas Professional Packers who bring everything required to do the job.
- ✓ Extensive knowledge of which packing materials are the best for which items, including proven materials and procedures to safeguard even the most delicate pieces.

ATLAS PACKING MATERIALS

- S, M, L and Wardrobe Cartons
- Mirror/Picture Cartons
- Wooden Crates
- Mattress Bags
- TV Cartons
- Packing Paper
- Side Carton Labels
- Sealing Tape

YOUR ATLAS PROFESSIONAL PACKER WILL:

- ✓ Use the professional-grade packing materials listed above for optimal protection and ease of handling.
- ✓ Advise you on which things you should pack and move yourself, such as important papers, keys and valuables.
- ✓ Notify you of which items cannot be moved, such as chemicals and hazardous materials.



SPECIAL ITEMS:

Make sure to pack personal items such as prescriptions, keys, glasses, sensitive documents, etc. with you and not on the moving van. Any high-value items over \$5000 must have written appraisals to be shipped on the moving van.

BEST PRACTICES FOR PACKING YOURSELF

We highly recommend that you use Atlas' professional packing service for your china and other breakable items. However, if you do decide to do some or all of your own packing, then the professional tips provided in this brochure will help guide you through this task. Your Atlas Canada Agent can provide you with a complete range of cartons and packing materials at a reasonable cost.

LIABILITY

Atlas does not assume liability for damage to owner-packed items unless there is visible external damage to the carton. In addition, items not packed by Atlas which would usually require carton/crate protection (i.e.: glass table tops, marble tables) are also excluded from coverage.



PROHIBITED ITEMS ON THE MOVING VAN:

By law, a household goods mover cannot transport dangerous goods with your belongings for safety reasons. Many everyday items such as household cleaners and propane are prohibited on the moving van. For more information and a complete list of dangerous goods, please contact your local Atlas Agent.

GENERAL PACKING TIPS:

- Gather all your packing supplies including: various carton sizes, tissue paper, tape, scissors, pack labels, marker, etc.
- Allow yourself sufficient time to complete the job.
- Begin by packing the out of season items, then the seldom used items, and lastly the things that will be used until the very last minute.
- Create a box labelled “set-up” which includes all the must have items on move day such as medication, toiletries, paper plates and utensils, bed sheets, clothing, etc.
- Place like items within a carton and keep all parts or pairs together.
- Put curtain rod hardware, screws and bolts, and other small parts in a plastic bag and tape or tie it to the article.
- When filling a carton, do not exceed 50 lbs., fill the box to the top to prevent crushing during transit, and ensure all cartons close flat.
- Be sure to back-up all computer files. Disconnect all wiring and cables and draw a simple diagram or colour-code before disconnecting to make reconnection easier.
- Dresser drawers can also be utilized for some light clothing but all other items should be removed from the dresser drawers and packed in cartons.

PACKING YOUR BREAKABLES:

For these fragile items, you should use china cartons or sturdy, medium size cartons with 3”-4” of crumpled packing paper in the bottom of the carton for additional cushioning.

Consider the following packing tips for ultimate protection of your breakables:

- Individually wrap each piece of glass whether it is a plate, bowl, cup, etc. Stack 2-4 to a group (using your own judgement) and wrap them again in a double layer of packing paper.
- Plates can form the bottom tier or layer of the carton, followed by bowls in the next layer and finally by cups, glassware, goblets and other light, fragile items.
- Separate each layer in the carton with a cushion of paper and ensure that each wrapped piece is snug in its layer to prevent movement.
- Fill empty space with crushed paper as well as hollow breakables.
- Use wooden crates and linens to protect mirrors, large pictures, glass table tops, etc.
- Mark the top of the carton with “Fragile” and “This Side Up”.



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