PACKING AND LOADING TIPS

PACKING TIPS

- As you are packing, take a few extra minutes to write an inventory of the items you are packing. If you have more than one container or are using a PODS container in combination with a rental truck, be sure to document what goes where.

- Pack your valuables and essentials separately and plan on keeping these items with you.

- Label boxes to make unloading easy.

- Perishable items are not permitted in PODS containers. Consult your Rental Agreement for a full list of prohibited items.

- Put heavy items in smaller boxes for easier lifting. Lightweight items can go in larger boxes.

- Pack as much as you can into boxes. This will provide greater protection for your belongings and will make loading your PODS container easier. Moving supplies can be conveniently purchased at PODSBoxes.com.

- Use picture boxes & bubble wrap when packing pictures & mirrors. Flat screen TV boxes are also available for your large screen TVs. Use special care when positioning these items in the PODS container.

- Lamps and other large items can be bubble wrapped and placed in boxes. Remove light bulbs and box lamp shades separately.

- Reinforce the bottom of all boxes with tape. Fill each box to its capacity, using packing paper or fillers to eliminate empty spaces. The top and sides of each box shouldn't bulge, nor should they cave in when closed.

PREPPING FURNITURE & APPLIANCES

- Use moving blankets to protect furniture. Moving blankets can be purchased or rented by contacting a PODS call center agent, or at PODSBoxes.com.

- Use moving bands (Giant rubber bands) or Shrink wrap to keep the moving blanket in position. These options are much easier to remove than tape.

- Wrap fabric couches and other "soft" furniture with stretch wrap. Leather couches should be wrapped in moving blankets.

- Cover appliances with cardboard or moving blankets.

- Use mattress covers to protect your mattress.

LOADING TIPS

- To help prevent mold, mildew, and odors inside the container, consider using moisture absorbers. These can be purchased at PODSBoxes.com or your local home improvement store.

- Do not load all your heavy items first. Distribute the weight of your contents throughout the container. Use all available space inside the PODS container to pack your belongings. This includes wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling.

- Place heavy items on the bottom, lighter items on the top.

- Turn couches on end.

- Mix small items with larger items to fill spaces. A snugly packed container will minimize shifting during transport. Don't save all your boxes for the end.

- Cover items that could be damaged by sunlight if you will be keeping your container stored outside your home for more than a few weeks.

- Use rope or straps to secure your belongings at regular intervals as you load the PODS container.

- In the last section of the container, use a box spring or mattress lying on its side, a large sheet of cardboard, or four extra-large, flattened boxes that are taped together to create a barrier that will keep objects from falling against the door during transit. This will help prevent the door from jamming.

- **If you're moving or storing a mattress**, check with the manufacturer on instructions for your specific mattress type. Instructions may vary depending on whether you're moving or storing your mattress.

- **IMPORTANT:** When stacking items toward the top of the container, allow enough clearance between your items and the door barrel roll. Items positioned against the barrel, such as an upright mattress, may interfere with container door operation.

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