

# Moving Hacks

## Kitchen

- Put paper towels between plates before boxing them up. This will help cushion them during your move.
- Pack your plates vertically so they are less likely to break
- Pack a first night box with disposable plates, cups, silverware, napkins, and paper towels
- Use pots to hold small items. Don't waste boxes for small kitchen items. Put them in your pots or other sealable containers.
- Put essential appliances (coffee maker, toaster, etc.) in a laundry basket so you can put them on the counter in your new home right away

## Bedroom/Bathroom

- Place plastic wrap under the lid on shampoos, conditioners, cleaning products, etc. This will keep them from spilling.
- Pack jewelry in egg cartons to keep them from tangling
- Don't empty your dresser drawers. Take the drawers out of the dresser and wrap them up in plastic wrap.
- Leave your clothes on the hanger. Use yarn to tie hangers together. Then, cut a small hole at the bottom of a trash bag and put the hangers through the hole. You'll have a DIY garment bag.
- Wrap breakables in towels or linens

## Other hacks

- Tape your boxes like movers do. Tape the ends shut and wrap a few pieces of tape around the box's top and bottom edges.
- Use color-coded tape to distinguish where boxes should go. (Red - first floor, blue - second floor, yellow - basement, etc.)
- Cut triangles in boxes about 1/3 of the way down to create handles
- Use your suitcases to pack books. You'll be able to roll the suitcase instead of carrying a heavy box.
- Pack cleaning supplies last so you have easy access to them before you leave your old home and when you get to your new home
- Use Ziplock bags to keep track of nuts, bolts, and other hardware
- Create a color-coded moving room key that tells you where everything should go
- Keep packing supplies in a basket that you can easily move from room to room
- Invest in storage bins for holiday decor or other items you'll have in storage for most of the year
- Plastic grocery bags are great for cushioning your fragile items
- Take a picture of the back of your TV so you can remember where the wires go