

Follow our helpful hints for moving, packing, and storage

1. Make a list of the packing materials you'll need such as boxes, bubble wrap, tape, marking pens, rope, drop cloths, mattress and furniture covers. (ATLAS has these and any other needed items at each site for sale.)
2. Be sure to store frequently used items at the front of the unit to avoid having to go through all other stored items to find them. Make seasonal clothing accessible, you may have your belongings in storage longer than anticipated.
3. Appliances must be thoroughly clean and dry. Keep refrigerator and freezer doors slightly open to avoid mold. Pack appliances in factory boxes whenever possible and cushion with wadded (not shredded) packing paper. Shredded paper can get into the machines and cause damage.
4. When you disassemble electronics such as computers and stereos (items that have numerous cables), place small colored stickers on the cable and the same color sticker where the cable goes. If possible, use the original packing for electronic items.
5. Wax wood and spray furniture with polish before storing. Cover loosely with fabric drop cloths.
6. Allow air space between the items stored and walls. Do not lean anything against the walls if at all possible. Use pallets to keep items off the floor where possible, to let air underneath. Do not set cardboard boxes directly on the floor.
7. Do not stack heavy or folded objects where they could shift or collapse when you move or need access.
8. Do not use printed newspaper to pack with. The ink may smudge off on your items.
9. Label each box on all four sides with numbers, seal them with tape, and make a list of the contents to take home with you. The box numbers should correspond with this master list. Take care in placing goods in the unit, even if you are under time pressure to complete the move.
10. When packing boxes, try to limit the weight to 30 lbs. or less per box. Seal boxes with masking, packing tape.
11. Cover the stored goods overall with plastic drop cloths and use products such as 'Damp Rid' to minimize humidity in the unit and protect your items against mildew.
12. Contact your insurance agent to confirm coverage on your contents.
13. Clothing that ordinarily hangs in a closet should be packed in a wardrobe box.