

What Not to Pack

A box costs you three times: packing, moving, unpacking. This is the list where the answer never varies.

If you would not pay somebody to carry it up the stairs of the new place, do not put it in a box.

DO NOT PACK, AT ALL

- ☐ Anything expired: food, medicines, sunscreen, old spices
 - ☐ Half-used cleaning products (heavy, leak, cheap to replace)
 - ☐ Anything broken you meant to fix
 - ☐ Furniture that will not fit. MEASURE FIRST
 - ☐ Duplicate kitchen things
 - ☐ Paperwork past its retention date
 - ☐ Anything not unpacked since the LAST move

THE FOUR-WEEK ORDER

- ☐ 4 weeks: storage. Loft, garage, shed, under beds
- ☐ 3 weeks: duplicates and off-season
- ☐ 2 weeks: books, decor, hobbies
- ☐ 1 week: kitchen and bathroom last

THE FIRST NIGHT BOX

- ☐ Kettle, mugs, tea
- ☐ Loo roll, hand soap, a towel each
- ☐ Phone chargers, medication
- ☐ Bedding and a change of clothes
- ☐ Packed first, loaded last, in a colour nothing else uses

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