

Tips For Packing And Moving Difficult Items

(NAPSA)—Moving from one place to another can be a challenging task and the chore of packing is often the most taxing assignment. When packing for the move, it's always important to remember the backs and arms of helpers, making sure not to over stuff boxes and make them too heavy.

There are several items that can be especially tricky to move. Below are tips to help pack these difficult items:

- **House Plants**—Water plants the day before the move so the water has a chance to settle. Place the base of the plant in a box to support the pot and then surround the pot with newspaper to prevent shifting. You can also use a larger box if you have several plants. For extra care, wrap chicken wire around the entire plant to keep the branches from breaking.

- **Shoes**—Shoes are often a difficult item to transport simply because they can easily be smashed or bent out of shape. Separating shoes in compartments will organize the pairs and help prevent damage. Try a Duck brand Glass kit—although meant to protect glasses and cups, the kit features individual compartments, which will keep your belongings, like shoes or breakables, separated. Each kit comes with foam pouches to help protect and dividers that can be adjusted to suit individual needs.

- **Small Appliances and other items with cords**—Avoid cord tangling by using rubber bands, cable ties or stay ties to secure and organize cords on small appliances and other items, including microwaves, coffeepots and hair dryers. This can also be done with extension cords or holiday lights before packing. Place items in a box for safe transport.



- **Breakables**—Items such as china, dishes, glasses, trinkets, collectibles and other breakables can be protected if packed carefully. Use packing peanuts or a cushioning material, such as Duck brand Self-Cling Bubble Wrap® cushioning, to provide the padding needed to transport breakables safely. Self-Cling Bubble Wrap® cushioning clings to itself, so no taping is required. Before transport, be sure to clearly mark “Fragile” on the outside of the box.

- **Clothes**—For short distances, leave your clothes on the hangers and either spread them on the backseat of your car or pack them loosely in a box. For longer distances, utilize wardrobe boxes rather than removing your items from the hangers, folding, and then having to launder items at the new destination. If you're moving a dresser, leave your clothes folded in the drawers and remove drawers from the dresser. Taking out the drawers will make the dresser lighter to lift, while giving you less to pack.

Moving can be a stressful, yet fun, process. Although some items are difficult to pack, following these suggestions can save the day. For more moving tips, visit www.duckproducts.com.