



# My Moving Guys

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## PACKING UP YOUR GARAGE

Garages and storage sheds typically take the longest to pack, as they are filled with odd-shaped, sharp or heavy items that require special care to pack correctly.

Start by safely disposing of items that cannot be packed for moving and storage (see the list of prohibited items). Next, group items of a similar size or shape together, like long-handled tools with pruning shears. Then, make sure you have an assortment of storage boxes and newsprint to properly wrap and cushion items.

**Tools:** Long-handled garden tools, as well as brooms, rakes and mops, should be cleaned, oiled, bundled and tied together securely. Attachments should be removed from power tools and packed separately.

- ✓ Hand tools may be left in tool boxes and the spaces filled with crushed paper, or they may be packed according to general packing rules. Always use small cartons for heavy tools.
- ✓ Use old towels to wrap and tape any sharp-edged tools.

Don't put too many heavy tools in one box, since it may be heavier than you expected. It's a good idea to wipe your tools with a slightly oily rag to prevent rusting.

**TIP:** Power tools must be safely drained of oil and gas before packing.

**Lawn & Patio Furniture:** Remove cushions and clean frames. Pack cushions in large carton or wardrobe. Keep umbrella clean and dry during transport by wrapping it in paper padding or a plastic bag and taping shut. Do not pack the weighted umbrella stand.

**Grill:** Dispose of any unused charcoal. Remove tank (it cannot be packed for moving and storage) and properly purge hose. See the list of prohibited items. Secure lid and immobilize moving parts.

**Outdoor Equipment:** Dismantle children's swing sets, TV antennas and garden sheds you plan to pack for storage and moving.

- ✓ Place small hardware in a plastic bag or old coffee can and label.
- ✓ If the parts bag can be securely attached to corresponding equipment, all the better.
- ✓ Drain all gasoline and oil from lawn mowers, weed eaters, chain saws and other equipment.
- ✓ Disconnect all batteries.

**Pots and Planters:** Pack small ceramic or pottery planters like any fragile item - individually wrapped with plenty of cushioning.

**Trash Cans:** Clean cans if you plan to move them. If your cans are sealable or rollable, you may pack items in them, just don't make them too heavy.

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### Need Help?

If you have any other questions regarding packing, call our customer service team toll-free at (855) 603-6683. We look forward to assisting you with all your moving needs.