

## TIPS ON PACKING

**Packing your household goods can save a substantial amount of money. To insure safety for your belongings, care should be undertaken to pack properly.**

- Use strong containers, in good condition, which can be sealed with strapping tape. These can be purchased locally from moving companies.
- Keep in mind what the box will weigh after it is loaded. 40 to 50 pounds are considered the maximum.
- Empty spaces in boxes should be filled with crumpled newspaper or bubble wrap to keep things from shifting in transit.
- Books should be stacked on end and generally in smaller boxes than other things due to their weight.
- Label each box after packing so that the movers will know which room to put it in and to help you to prioritize which ones need to be opened first.
- Remove all breakables from drawers before moving furniture.
- Don't pack valuables such as jewelry, collections, checks or savings books.
- Packing takes longer than you expect so allow plenty of time. Pack items that aren't frequently used first and unpack them last.
- Organization in packing will save you hours of time and frustration in the long run.
- Items that are no longer wanted can be donated to charity and you may be eligible for a tax deduction.