



## HUMBOLDT STORAGE AND MOVING OFFERS HANDY **HEADING OUT** TIPS FOR THAT COLLEGE MOVE

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College students typically haven't accumulated a full eight rooms of furniture yet, but more often than not, they are wired to the hilt. Computers, laptops and all kinds of electronics need to be packed, moved and unloaded safely, noted DArcy Goldman, President of Humboldt Storage and Moving. We've developed a list of necessary items and packing tips for those headed off to the college dorm or sharing apartment space with one or several roommates.

The following are tips from an old college moving pro, Humboldt Storage and Moving:

**Transportation** Your transportation is the second most important factor after finding that place to live, a few roommates and insurance. Few students can afford to live in an apartment and have a car, so be sure to pack your motorcycle, bicycle, motorized scooter or whatever you've chosen to tool around on. Protect these mechanical items from rust. Bicycles and other transportation should be oiled prior to storage and placed away from furniture items to avoid oil stains.

**Furniture** If you're in a dorm, chances are you won't need to bring your own bed, but you'll need bedding and pillows. You may want to pack your favorite comfy chair or couch if space (and roommate) allows. You'll also need a place to store your clothes such as dresser or armoire, but take in to consideration the space constraints of a dorm. If you're sharing an apartment, decide ahead of time who will bring what type of furniture for the living area. A table and chairs can probably fit in an apartment, but if space is limited, a coffee table has many uses—it makes an ideal dining table or desk. Disassemble and pack your bed, bedding, pillows, dresser or armoire and other furniture you and your roommates have decided upon.

**Kitchen** Since most gadgets can be stored in a drawer, cabinet, or at least in a large plaster container when you move in, feel free to pack those gadgets you feel you'll need. A few of the most used items by college students include a can opener, blender and toaster oven. Unless you're attending culinary school, you probably won't need pots and pans of all sizes. Opt for one small and one large pot, a large frying pan, coffee maker or teakettle (your preference). Don't forget to pack dishes (at least two place settings) and utensils. For glass items, wrap each individually, provide plenty of cushioning (3-4 inch layer of crushed paper) and make sure they are firmly packed. Place plates on edge and glassware on rims for maximum protection. Mark



the carton "FRAGILE" and seal the carton with tape.

**Computer and Entertainment** Pack your television, sound system/radio, digital clock, laptop, computer, printer and all other related electronics and software in special packing designed for these items (such as bubble wrap and foam) to keep them safe. Pack beginning with heaviest items to lighter weight items, making sure to place on a two or three-inch layer of crushed paper on the bottom of a carton. Fill in empty spaces with crushed paper. Seal the carton with tape. If some items are glass or breakable, mark the container "FRAGILE".

You've invested a lot of money and you use these items most everyday, so be sure to take special care in packing them.

**Personal Items** Don't forget to pack your clothes and shoes. But remember, it's college, not a cruise around the world. Be choosy and try not to over-pack in the clothes department because you may not have the space. Lightweight clothing such as sweaters, shirts, blouses and lingerie may be left in dresser drawers. Pack bathroom items such as towels, toiletries and medications in a special carton or plastic tote and label it.

**Paper Essentials** Pack essentials such as bank account information, credit cards, insurance and medical information together in a large folder, or yet another plastic tote box and label it.

**Books, etc.** Again, use another plastic tote, label it and pack all your necessary office supplies. This way, you don't really have to unpack this tote, you can leave the supplies stored inside it. Last but not least, don't forget to pack your books.

Goldman continued, "Did we mention that you should LABEL everything?! Label your individual items such as electronics, software, even your favorite mug (especially if you have roommates) and all boxes, crates and totes for easy unpacking. Additionally, it's helpful to check out your neighborhood before you move in. Locate the grocery store, utilities and an affordable restaurant or two. This will make you quickly feel more at home in your new setting."

From professional packing services to custom crating, Humboldt can assist with your entire college move. For customers on a budget who desire to do their own packing and unpacking, Humboldt offers use of their truck, complete with professional driver. Recycled boxes and a variety of packing supplies are also available.

### Century-old Moving History

Humboldt Storage and Moving, Greater Boston's largest United Van Lines agent remains within the top 5% of all United Van Lines agents for sales volume. An original stockholding member of United Van Lines, Humboldt Storage and Moving is managed by the third generation of the Goldman Family. Humboldt has over 90 employees and is a leader in assisting seniors with sensitive down-sizing relocations; coordinating highly technical lab and hospital moves; time-sensitive office relocations; college relocations; and household relocations that are around the block or around the world.

United Van Lines, Inc., headquartered in Missouri, is the world leader in the moving industry of over 500 agents. Nationally recognized, Humboldt Storage and Moving ranks in the top 10 percent of domestic United Van Lines agents.

Dedicated to making relocation as smooth and stress-free as possible, Humboldt offers many specialty services



including:

- Oversized custom-designed crate service • Custom crating which is ideal for an antique armoire, valuable painting or grand piano.
- Supplies • Packing and moving supplies, including bubble wrap, furniture pads, recycled boxes and custom designed crates.
- Professional packing • Combining knowledge of the fragility of hundreds of items with tremendous care and the latest packing materials to move items intact anywhere in the world.
- For do-it-yourselfers - For folks on a budget, customers may opt to use Humboldt's van (complete with driver) but pack, load and unload items themselves.
- Highly Technical Laboratory and Hospital moves - Includes transportation of refrigerated research material and electronic equipment.
- Office Relocation Management Services • Comprehensive relocation service offering single source, personalized response.
- Household Relocations • Every move is a "custom" move and through UniGroup Community Profile Center, we ensure our customers know everything about their new hometowns.
- International Relocations • Humboldt is a Registered International Mover (R.I.M.), certified by the American Moving and Storage Association, and provides full service global mobility management.
- Commercial Warehousing • 92,000 secured, easily accessible square feet of storage located on 19 acres.

Humboldt Storage and Moving is located at 100 New Boston Drive, Canton, MA 02021. For more information for free brochures outlining the company's many services, please call (781) 821-8777. For additional information visit [www.humboldt.com](http://www.humboldt.com).

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