



## Estimating How Many Boxes Are Needed

We can estimate the weight, volume, and costs for a move, but estimating the number of boxes for a move can be tricky. Truthfully, the number of boxes you need to purchase to start packing is completely unique to every move. Some homes are sparse, some families save everything, and even the types of boxes needed are unique to what you own.

Therefore, the most accurate way to determine how many boxes you need is to have a professional moving consultant provide you with an In-home quote. However, there are times when you just want to purchase boxes and start packing. Here are some general guidelines to use.

### Average Apartment or Condo:

ROOM	1.5 cu. ft. Small box	3.1 cu. ft. Medium box	4.5 cu. ft. Large box	5.1 cu. ft. Dish Pack box	Wardrobe Boxes
Kitchen	2	5	4	4	0
Living Room	2	3	2	1	0
Dining Room	0	1	0	2	0
Master Bedroom	1	5	5	0	4
Bedroom #2	1	3	3	0	2
Bathroom	2	0	2	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>

## Average Single Family Home:

ROOM	1.5 cu. ft. Small box	3.1 cu. ft. Medium box	4.5 cu. ft. Large box	5.1 cu. ft. Dish Pack box	Wardrobe Boxes
Kitchen	4	6	4	6	0
Living Room	4	4	4	2	0
Dining Room	0	2	0	4	0
Master Bedroom	3	6	8	0	6
Bedroom #2	2	5	5	0	2
Bedroom #3	2	5	5	0	2
Bathroom #1	2	0	2	0	0
Bathroom #2	2	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>

These estimates only take into account an average home set-up. Think about which things you tend to have more of than the average household, and then add boxes based on that.

- Don't forget about adding boxes to pack hall closets, basements, outdoors, attics, garages, and sheds.
- If you have many books, papers, or records, add more 1.5 Small boxes.
- For more knick-knacks, small appliances, and miscellaneous, add more 3.1 Medium boxes.
- For more clothes, blankets, pillows, and stuffed animals, add 4.5 Large boxes.
- For additional kitchenware, add 5.1 Dish Pack boxes.
- Don't forget your mirrors and artwork! Add 1 mirror carton for every 2 large frames in your home.
- Do you have bookcases? Add 6 additional 1.5 Small boxes for every bookcase in your home.
- For closets with hanging clothes, a wardrobe box will hold 2 feet worth of hanging items, so just measure the width of your closet to determine how many wardrobe boxes you need.

## **Paper and Tape**

- Tape: 1 roll of tape for every 10 boxes.
- Packing Paper: 25 lbs. of packing paper for every 2 Dish Pack boxes, this is enough to cover those Dish Pack boxes and additional fragiles in the other boxes.

Ready to purchase boxes? If you would like to purchase boxes call J. Palermo Moving & Storage, Inc. to place an order and have them ready for your pick-up.

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