

## CARTON GUIDE

# How many boxes will you actually need?

Estimating boxes by room is more art than science, but these ranges get most of our customers to within  $\pm 10\%$  — enough for an accurate written quote.

## Three box sizes cover almost everything

Heavy items in small boxes, lighter items in large boxes. Fill to the top with no empty space (use linens or paper to fill gaps).

Box	Volume	What goes in
Small (Book box)	1.5 cu ft	Books, papers, files, dishware in dishpack inserts, heavy small items.
Medium	3.0 cu ft	Kitchenware, small appliances, decorative items, knick-knacks.
Large	4.5 cu ft	Linens, pillows, bedding, lampshades, light bulky items.
Wardrobe	10 cu ft	Hanging clothes. We provide these on the truck at no charge for the move.

## Typical box counts by room

### Kitchen — the busiest room

- 12–20 small boxes (dishware with dishpack inserts, glasses, mugs)
- 5–8 medium boxes (pots, pans, small appliances, pantry items)
- 1–2 large boxes (linens, decorative items)

### Living room

- 3–5 small boxes (books, decor, electronics accessories)
- 3–6 medium boxes (knick-knacks, photo albums, AV gear)
- 2–3 large boxes (lampshades, pillows, throws)

## Master bedroom

- 3–5 small boxes (books, jewelry boxes, personal items)
- 4–6 medium boxes (drawer contents if not moving in dresser)
- 3–5 large boxes (bedding, pillows, comforters)
- 2–4 wardrobe boxes (hanging clothes — we provide these)

## Additional bedrooms (each)

- 2–3 small + 3–4 medium + 2–3 large + 1–2 wardrobe

## Bathroom (each)

- 2–3 medium boxes (toiletries, towels, cabinet contents)

## Office / den

- 5–10 small boxes (books, files, papers — books are heavy, use small only)
- 2–4 medium boxes (office supplies, electronics)

## Garage / basement

- Highly variable — 5–30+ medium boxes typical (tools, holiday decor, sporting goods)
- 2–5 large boxes (lighter bulky items)

Rule of thumb: a 2-bedroom apartment runs 35–60 boxes total. A 3-bedroom house runs 75–120. A 4-bedroom house can run 150+. Round up — extra boxes are cheap; finishing the morning of move day without one is not.