



Cable Service That Moves With You

PACKING HOME TECHNOLOGY FOR A SAFE JOURNEY
David's Tips

Home Theater Components and Computer Equipment

1. Label Your Cables and Equipment Inputs – Use a labeler like the Brother P-Touch with color coated labels to identify what cable goes into the correct input on all of your audio, video and computer equipment before you unplug everything for packing. This strategy will remove the guesswork when reconnecting all of your equipment once you are ready to set everything up at your new residence.
2. Pack all of your cables and remotes in the same box – This tip will make it much easier to find everything you need to reconnect and program your equipment.
3. When packing your tech equipment, use original packing materials if available. If original packing materials are not available, wrap your equipment with an old blanket and place it upright in a double corrugated box (available at most van line and moving truck rental companies). To stabilize the laser on a CD/DVD player or computer drive -replace the transport screw (normally located on the bottom of the unit if applicable to your model). Label boxes "Fragile" and "This Side Up."

Special Note: Packing Your Flat Panel TV

1. Your LCD or Plasma television upright should remain in an upright position at all times. It should never be laid flat or on its side.
2. Manufacturers recommend covering the screen with a soft cloth (to prevent scratching).
3. If you saved the original packing materials that came with your TV, this is the least expensive and best option, as the inserts that came with your original packaging will be sized exactly to your television.
4. If you do not have the original packing materials and your TV is under 60", you can purchase a flat screen packing kit made just for this purpose from most moving companies or follow the directions below.
5. Making your own TV packing kit: First you must obtain a roomy carton or crate big enough to hold the TV plus packing materials. Styrofoam (3" - 4" thick) should be placed at each of the four corners allowing the unit to be elevated inside the carton or crate. It should not be placed directly on the cardboard or wood crate bottom. Additional Styrofoam (2" -3" thick) should be placed on the screen as well as the backside of the unit.

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