Helpful Packing Tips

- Fill boxes to capacity. Partially full or bulging boxes may collapse or tip over while stored.
- Label your cartons and goods. This will make accessing items much easier.
- Books and documents: Pack books flat to protect spines; use small boxes to avoid cartons that are too heavy to move easily. Put heavy items on bottom.
- **Dishes and glassware:** Glass items should be individually wrapped; use blank wrapping paper for best results; "nest" cups and bowls, stand plates and platters; fill air pockets with wrapping paper or foam peanuts; don't put breakables under other boxes.
- Mirrors, windows, screens: Wrap all glass well; store on edge, not flat.
- Lamps: Pack lamp shades separately; use blank paper to wrap lamp shades and other property that may be damaged by ink stains from regular newsprint.
- Furniture: Stand sofas and mattresses on end; disassemble beds and tables; wrap legs in wrapping paper; keep upholstery off floor; place loose, light plastic dust covers or sheets over furniture.
- Appliances and electronics: Clean appliances thoroughly. Refrigerators and freezers must be defrosted and dry and washing machines completely drained. Remove doors of appliances and store separately; desiccants (drying agents) should be used and containers checked and emptied regularly. Take lawn mowers and snow blowers apart, making sure all the fuel are completely drained.
- **Bicycles:** Wipe a few drops of oil on bicycles and tools to prevent rusting, and then store these items away from furniture to avoid oil staining.
- Clothes: Wardrobe boxes allow you to store your clothing on hangers. Shoes can be stored in the bottom of the

- wardrobe boxes, while folded clothing can be stored in boxes or dresser drawers.
- **Put pallets or a grid** of 2' x 3's on the unit floor to give better air circulation under goods; leave a walkway/aisle to the rear of the unit. *Don't over pack the unit!*





