

Moving with Plants Checklist

Before the Move: Preparation Essentials

- 1. **Assess Your Plants**: Inventory all plants, noting their size, light needs, and sensitivity to temperature changes. Decide which to take, donate, or sell.
- 2. **Check Regulations**: Research state laws for interstate moves, as some areas restrict certain plants to prevent pest spread (e.g., via USDA guidelines).
- 3. **Repot if Necessary**: Transfer plants to lightweight, unbreakable pots. Use fresh soil to reduce weight and minimize shock.
- 4. **Prune and Treat**: Trim dead leaves and treat for pests. Water thoroughly a few days before the move but avoid overwatering to prevent sogginess.
- 5. **Gather Supplies**: Collect boxes, packing paper, stakes for support, and plastic bags to cover soil and prevent spills.

Packing Your Plants

- 1. **Secure the Soil**: Cover pots with plastic to contain dirt, and wrap stems gently with paper or bubble wrap for protection.
- 2. **Box Strategically**: Use sturdy boxes with ventilation holes. Place taller plants upright and cushion with packing material to prevent shifting.
- 3. **Label Clearly**: Mark boxes as "Fragile Plants" with arrows indicating "This Side Up" and notes on care (e.g., "Keep in Shade").
- 4. **Climate Control**: For sensitive plants, consider insulated boxes or gel packs to maintain temperature.
- 5. **Professional Assistance**: Let Buszy Moving's team handle packing if you're unsure—our movers are trained in plant-specific techniques.

During the Move: Transport Tips

- 1. **Load Last, Unload First**: Plants should be the last items loaded and first unloaded to minimize time in the vehicle.
- 2. **Vehicle Considerations**: Transport in your personal car if possible for climate control. Avoid trunks or hot/cold extremes.
- 3. **Monitor Conditions**: Keep plants out of direct sunlight and maintain temperatures between 50-70°F. Stop for air if needed during long drives.
- 4. **Coordinate with Movers**: Inform Buszy Moving about your plants so we can prioritize them and use appropriate vehicles.
- 5. **Hydration Check**: Lightly mist leaves if the move is extended, but don't water during transit to avoid leaks.

After the Move: Settling In

- 1. **Unpack Immediately**: Remove wrappings and place in similar light conditions as before to reduce shock.
- 2. **Water and Feed**: Give a gentle watering after a day or two, and hold off on fertilizer for a week to let them adjust.
- 3. **Observe for Stress**: Watch for wilting or yellowing; quarantine if pests appear to protect your new space.
- 4. **Reestablish Routines**: Gradually introduce to new spots, rotating for even growth.
- 5. **Local Resources**: Find nearby nurseries or extension services for advice on regional climate adaptations.

