

Checklist for moving with indoor plants

Relocating with pets can be a smooth process when well-prepared. Below is an essential checklist divided into logical sections to help ensure a safe and stress-free move for pets.

Pre-Move Preparations

1. **Assess Plant Health**

Check each plant for pests or diseases and treat them before the move. Remove any dead leaves or branches.

2. **Prune and Repot if Necessary**

Lightly prune plants for easier handling. If a plant is in a fragile pot, consider transferring it to a lighter, shatterproof container.

3. **Water Strategically**

Water plants a day or two before the move so the soil is moist but not soggy, preventing spills and root rot during transit.

Packing Your Plants

1. **Choose the Right Boxes**

Use sturdy boxes with enough height for taller plants. Line them with plastic to protect against leaks.

2. **Secure the Plants**

Wrap pots in bubble wrap or newspaper to prevent movement. For multiple small pots, secure them inside one box with spacers.

3. **Protect Foliage**

For plants with delicate leaves, cover them loosely with paper or fabric to protect against tearing.

Transport Tips

1. **Maintain Comfortable Temperatures**

Avoid leaving plants in extremely hot or cold environments. Transport them in climate-controlled vehicles if possible.

2. **Keep Upright**

Label boxes as "Fragile" and "This Side Up" to ensure plants remain upright throughout the journey.

3. **Minimize Darkness**

Try to avoid keeping plants in darkness for too long, as they need some light to stay healthy.

After Arrival

1. **Unpack Promptly**

Remove plants from boxes as soon as you arrive to reduce stress.

2. **Inspect and Hydrate**

Check for broken stems or disturbed soil, then give them water if needed.

3. **Allow Time to Adjust**

Place plants in their new locations gradually, letting them acclimate to changes in light and temperature.

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