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PACKING FOR *FIRST*[®] CHAMPIONSHIP

Help us help you! We want to ensure that teams have the best possible experience at *FIRST*[®] Championship. This document contains helpful tips when packing for the event!

Pack light

- If there is something you need that you didn't bring to Championship, ask another team or Pit Admin as there is more than likely another team you can borrow from.
- There will be a machine shop available for all teams to use.
- Pack what is needed for your robot spare parts. Example: If you are using a specific motor, only bring that type of motor, not every motor in your shop.
- Keep random material to a minimum.
- Consider packing in similar size containers that are easy to carry; organize and label your containers.
- Consider bringing a dolly to move multiple containers at once.
- Consider how heavy items are. If something is 200 pounds, you will need more people to carry it or it should be on wheels.
- If something is more than 4 feet long, 2 people should carry it together.

Packing your transport vehicle

- Students should be involved in packing the vehicle.
- Multiple people should know how everything fits in your van/truck/car/trailer.
- Practice packing your vehicle. Know how to stage your stuff so it's ready to load out on Saturday.
- If you are traveling by bus, practice packing if possible. If not, before you leave your initial location, take pictures of the various layers and make notes on where things are and how they fit.

Important things to consider

- Load in/load out lines can be long.
- If your team shipped your robot to *FIRST* Championship and you are planning on hand carrying your robot home, plan for the space you will need in your vehicle/luggage before you leave home.
- The better the organization, the less stressful the load in and load out process will be for the team.
- Teams are encouraged to spend more time packing in their pit, so the packing process on the dock is as short as possible. This helps move the line more quickly for everyone.
- The ability to hand carry robots depends on you! If your team enjoys the flexibility of hand carrying your robot to Championship (rather than being required to ship it), do your part to make the process go as quickly and smoothly as possible.

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