



## Local, National & European Removals

### Packing tips

#### General advice for either removal or storage packing

You can never start packing too early. Last minute rushed packing can easily lead to mishaps. Save time and money and give away/or sell objects you really no longer want or have use for. Moving is a good opportunity to reassess the value or usefulness to you of some of your possessions. Don't cut corners by underpacking. Save costs by doing it yourself but get the correct packing materials for the job. We can supply you with all the packing material and removal packing cases you will need and at very competitive prices.

Of course the easiest thing to do is let us do all the packing for you.

#### Packing boxes and cartons

Source and obtain strong 'double walled' containers/boxes and always use tape to fasten the bottom and top of your boxes. Never use damaged, worn, or thin cardboard boxes. If in doubt contact us for industry standard cartons or purchase materials from us.

Pack all boxes to their tops and fill spaces with void filling material such as shredded/crumpled paper. Larger spaces could be filled with pillows or cushions. This will prevent movement of contents and give the packing box rigidity when stacked. Unfilled boxes can be crushed and overfilled bulging boxes can tear and fall apart or be dropped! Rattling boxes mean insufficient space filling.

Don't overload your packing boxes with too many heavy items. You can always fill spaces with lighter objects for example you can alternate china and glasses with cushions and bedding items, or you could wrap heavy electrical items such as DVD players and stereos with quilts before placing into packing boxes. Packed boxes should not on average weigh more than 30lbs/15kgs each. Generally, the heavier the object the smaller the container.

Label each box as you go with the room name or list of contents. If the contents are delicate or need to

remain upright clearly mark fragile and right side up. Its also a good idea to write the contents on each side of the box as well as on the top, this will enable you to quickly identify each box if stacked when at your new premises.

Sequence your packing so that the least used possessions are packed first. Do one room at a time. Last in first out - pack the most used items to the top of your boxes.

#### Specific packing tips and preparation for house removal

##### Beds

Strip them bare and take them apart, use a mattress protector to protect the mattress for transportation and or storage.

##### Books

Collectively books are heavy so use small strong cartons and don't overload. Pack them flat and alternate the bindings for even stacking.

##### China

Wrap plates and dishes individually and pack vertically in a strong carton. After wrapping with tissue paper nest bowls and cups inside each other. Infill the gaps with tea towels or alternate plates and dishes with sheets, towels and bedding.

##### Crystal, china objects and bric-a-brac

Pack these individually in packing paper tissue or bubble wrap and as with china, layer these within the packing box with towels or bedding.

##### Clothing

Loose clothing and bedding can go into bin liners, remember to write the contents clearly on the outside. However we recommend the use of our general cartons for folded jumpers/trousers and wardrobe cartons to hang your garments to keep them all clean and crumple free. Drawers can be packed with lightweight clothes and non fragile items.

## Cookers

Please make sure they are disconnected with loose trays / racks removed before removal by a qualified person.

## Electronic and hi-fi equipment

If you can keep the original packaging repack them in it with any of the infill packing - this is the best solution. Like all boxes tape them securely. For those with an LP collection remember to tape down or secure the pick up arm on your turntable. Also wrap and pack your LP's vertically.

## Freezers and refrigerators

Defrost and air in good time before moving day. Secure all drawers and loose parts. Pad any vulnerable coils. Tape or strap the doors shut with cardboard spacer to hold slightly open for air circulation. This is very important if they are going into storage.

## Self assembly furniture and large items

These are generally not designed to be moved around assembled. You need to dismantle them before the day of moving. Also any other furniture too big to negotiate doorways will also need disassembling. Talk to us if you have anything that might cause a problem during removal.

## Garage and garden

Many items in these areas cannot be transported by removal companies due to health and safety. They include solvent based products (paints etc), poisons, flammable substances/liquids and gas/aerosols.

Tools should be clean, sharp edges wrapped and taped together if loose. Pack your power tools with plenty of padding/infill. Protect your possessions from oil and grease by covering the pedals and chains of any bicycles and greased tools.

## Glassware

Pad out the packing box's sides and bottom. Then place screwed up tissue paper inside each bowl or glass and wrap each separately. Generously cushion each glass object from its neighbours. Do not cram in the container.

## Mirrors and framed pictures

For protection large mirrors, paintings and other artwork should be wrapped in bubble blanket or paper blankets which can be supplied by us.

## Silverware

To prevent tarnishing and scratching of your silverware use acid free tissue paper (we can supply) and don't use rubberbands.

## Washing machines and tumble dryers

Remember to replace the securing transit bolts in the drums that came with these machines. Alternatively, you can prevent excessive movement by filling with towels, old linen and blankets.

**Lastly keep aside a carton you will transport that has all the essential things you might need when your first arrive at your new home, like medications or a kettle and mugs to make drinks.**

**Should this all seem too much don't forget we are here to help. If you change your mind about doing it yourself lets us know well before moving day and we will take care of it.**



Whether it's round the world or just round the corner, we can handle your removal and storage needs. Visit our website for further information or ring us for a quote.

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