

Packing information and tips

Why use our boxes?

Boxes, tape and packing paper are included in the price of your removal.

We supply quality boxes with double skinned corrugation which makes loading easier and more efficient and ensures goods arrive safely.

Plastic crates that you already own are also fine - as long as they have a fitted lid and are not open. Any open top containers should be placed inside one of your supplied boxes.

How to make up a box

Bottom of the box

Fold in the short end flaps first, followed by the long flaps on the bottom of the box.

Run the tape twice along the lengthways join, then run one length of tape in the middle of the box across the short length. This will form a cross at the bottom of the box.

Top of the box

Once your box is filled, follow the same procedure on the top, but only one length of tape is required along the join, rather than two.

Box type

We supply two box types medium and small, these box types are suitable for packing different items depending on weight and size.

Small box

The smaller of the two boxes supplied are best filled with heavier items, such as crockery, iron pans, tools, magazines, books and photo albums. When packing with normal household items, it is hard to make one of these boxes too heavy, so be sure to fill them up.

Medium box

The larger of the two boxes will accommodate the majority of the remainder of your items. This includes lamps, small/medium pictures, ornaments, glass, china, cushions, pots and bedding.

As a general rule, please do not partially fill boxes as this reduces their weight bearing capabilities and structural strength when packing onto the removal lorry. The only reason to partially fill a box would be because of weight. If you are capable of lifting a box, then your removal team will be fine.

Labelling

Please label each box you pack, we find it best to write along the tape on the top of the box with a permanent marker.

You will need to identify the room where you wish the box to be delivered, along with a brief description of contents. Doing this helps our crew load appropriately (according to the contents of the box) and deliver accurately at your new property.

Abbreviate when labelling, this saves a surprising amount of time, e.g. k =kitchen, B1 = bedroom one. L =Lounge etc.

Pictures and tv's

Specialist covers will be brought on the day for tv's and large pictures.

Other pictures can be packed in our medium boxes with paper lined in between them, glass to glass is best.

Clothes

Leave all soft items, such as clothes, in drawers. This saves time and room on the vehicle.

Portable wardrobes will be brought on the day for hanging clothes, our staff will load and unload.

Garages and sheds

Pack what you can into boxes. Long lengths of wood and long handled garden tools should be bundled and taped.

General packing tips

- Packing takes longer than most people think. So start early!
- Packing and completing one room at a time is the most effective way to pack your house.
- Remember, for all items (apart from clothes) - if it fits in a box, it goes in a box. This is the safest and most efficient way to transport most of your goods.
- Cushion the bottom of the box with paper or soft items such as a towels. Use bedding, cushions and linen when packing your fragile ornaments, this will add additional protection without wasting box space with paper.
- Put heavy items at the bottom, lighter items on top.
- Crockery, such as plates should be packed inside a small box *on their side*, with paper between each plate.
- Glassware should be packed inside a medium box, standing upright in layers with paper in between each item.
- Books should be laid flat in one of our small boxes.
- Lamps should have their shades and bulbs removed and packed separately; any hard items packed with lampshades can easily pierce them.
- If your box contains sharp items mark the package and the top, it could save your fingers when unpacking!
- Fill all boxes to the top, but please ensure no bulging or overfilling.

If your goods are being stored with us, please remember that food items must be in sealed containers within a box.

We do not transport flammable items, paints and gas.

Please cut the tape and flatten the boxes after use. Then call us and we will come and collect them.

Happy packing!