

Packing Tips

Packing and moving can be extremely overwhelming. We have put together some helpful tips to ensure your removal goes smoothly and minimise the stress.

Sensible Packing

- Get as organised as possible before your removal date.
- Have a charity box to put items you no longer need as we all know moving usually means a massive clean out of goods
- Ensure you have a marker, Tape, Packing Cartons, packing paper and bubble wrap (if needed)
- Start packing at the top of the house work your way down.
- Clearly label all boxes to ensure they are correctly placed on delivery.
- Pack an essentials box consisting on anything you will need for the first night in your new home. Change of Clothes, Toilet paper, Toiletries, first aid kit, Kettle, cups, plates etc. Also a good idea to pack your remote controls/bed bolts and screws in this box.
- Pack all important documents and jewellery and any other irreplaceable items together and take with you personally.

Be Organised

Start organizing and preparing for your removal as early as possible, leaving everything to the last minute will cause unwanted stress.

Pack as much as possible in advance only leaving the essentials until last such as crockery, food and cleaning products.

Label Boxes

It is important to label all boxes in accordance to what goods have been packed into the cartons and where they belong e.g Main Bedroom (books) Baby Room (toys). This not only helps for when goods are being delivered it also helps to identify which boxes are important to unpack first. It also helps removalists to ensure goods are placed on truck correctly and help if extra care is needed when there are fragile items involved.

Packing Boxes.

The use of Sturdy packing boxes is essential the most efficient boxes to use are Removalist boxes. See our products page. Flimsy boxes with no lids are far more likely to split, break or tear causing damage to your goods.

Plastic Storage boxes can be good if packed correctly and not holding to much weight. If they are to heavy, not only are they harder to move but they can crack or break due to the amount of weight they carry. It's best to only packing soft items into these such as toys, blankets, towels etc.

It is also important to use tape when sealing all packing boxes. We recommend using Removalist tape as it is strong and won't break. Using tape such as Masking Tape, if pressure builds up in the bottom of the Box it can cause the tape to stretch and break.

Box as much as possible

Any small or loose items if not packed into cartons can be lost or damaged during transit, if it is small enough to be packed into a box it should be.

To fill empty spaces inside cartons use crushed paper so your items won't move and become damaged.

Packing items into boxes can be extremely time consuming, to help minimise time use tables or benches to pack cartons. Not only does it help to lay out goods to be packed it also ensures you're not kneeling, bending or crouching to pack boxes. If you do not have a bench or it is full of stuff already you can make a bench out of tea chest boxes. Simply tape two empty assembled boxes together so they cannot part. If you are a tall person you can leave the bottom folds out so they sit on the floor to give you extra height but you must tape them securely so they do not fold back in.

Weight of Boxes

If you are packing items such as books it's best to pack these into book and wine cartons. It's handy if you have a set of bathroom scales to weigh boxes, try not to exceed 20 kgs per box as this can cause boxes to break at the bottom.

Clothing

Clothes and linen can be packed into suitcases or large stripped bags are also helpful. Remember to pack your good hanging clothes in a porta robe so they do not get creased and you can simply hang them back up in your new closet at your new home.

Kitchen

When packing kitchenware such as glass and crockery, the best method is to wrap each item separately with butchers paper.

Assemble your box ready and put a layer of crushed paper in the bottom of the carton.

The idea is wrap and place items in layers. For an example with cups wrap each cup individually in paper then place drinking side down onto the layer of crushed paper, continue until you have 1 layer of cups or similar height items firmly sitting beside each other. Once the layer has been completed place another layer of crushed paper on top of the cups and start again.

Remember to pack heavy items first so they are on the bottom of the carton.

With plates you can wrap them in a bundle of 5 separating each plate with paper, Place plates on their side in the carton not flat as they are stronger on there sides.

Any fragile items should be packed into boxes with crushed paper on top bottom and side to prevent damage.

Remember you are not a professional at packing it takes training and practice to pack a perfect box. If you find that your packing is loose and can move while in the carton just stuff more packing paper in between the gaps to firm things up.

Always pack your cartons full so there is no gap in the top of your carton. You should do this with a layer of crushed paper. If your carton is only half full the box will collapse with only a little bit of pressure.

Make sure you clearly label boxes with Fragile when packing breakables.

Make sure you check out our packing supplies page for all your equipment

If you need any help please call us on (07)47783544 to answer any questions you have.