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Helpful Hints and Tips on Moving Home

Effective forward planning and preparation can help to minimise the stress of moving home. In addition to our [Moving Check List](#) we have put together these helpful hints and tips. We hope you find them useful.

- Consider whether you require a packing service from us or thinking of packing yourself, if so start packing non-essential items early
- Use quality packing materials, preferably double wall cartons – we offer a free starter pack with every move. For additional materials please see our [Packing Materials Price List](#)
- Always seal the bottom of cartons securely, taping twice is good practice
- Heavier items should be packed into smaller cartons
- Try to avoid utilising really small boxes e.g. shoe and wine boxes when moving as this will add time to the move
- Pack heavier items at the bottom of cartons and lighter ones on top
- Pack cartons as full as possible, using soft items/scrunched up paper for extra padding as this will ensure cartons don't get crushed when they are stacked
- When packing fragile items put a layer of padding at the bottom of the carton, in addition to between each layer within the carton
- Stack plates on their sides and wrap individually with paper or bubble wrap
- Label cartons clearly with contents and room/location and "fragile" if applicable
- Always ensure cartons are not too heavy so they can be lifted safely
- When packing duvets/pillows/soft furnishings use strong bags as opposed to cartons

- Mirrors/pictures which are too large for cartons will be protected individually by our removal crew
- Clothing, linen and lighter non fragile items can be left in chests of drawers with the exception of under the bed drawers which will need to be emptied
- Hanging clothes can be transferred to our hanging garment carriers on the moving day. Our crew will undertake this as part of our standard removal service
- Bundle and tape loose items together such as brooms, garden tools, shelving etc.
- Before disconnecting leads/cables from televisions/computers remember to label each one or even better take a photograph, for easy reference when reconnecting
- If you have original boxes for large televisions please use them alternatively we will professionally pack/wrap them for you on the day
- Roll up rugs and tape around the rug at each end (this can be done for you by our removal crew on the moving day)
- Curtains – please take these down, fold and box appropriately
- Have an idea of plans for the new home regarding positioning of furniture and goods. Our removal crew will position as directed
- For insurance reasons moving companies are not allowed to move hazardous/dangerous items such as gas bottles etc. Please drain fuel from lawn mowers and strimmer's etc.
- Garage – packing of any liquids/paints are best packed into sealed plastic containers or crates to avoid any spillage during transit
- Dismantling furniture – if you are doing this yourself make sure it is completed before the moving day and that all fixings, screws etc. are labelled and kept together in a logical place
- When organising your possessions to be packed avoid the temptation to put everything on the dining room table – we/you will need a surface to work on when packing