



Packing Guru Guide

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To pack or not to pack?

Do you want to bother with the hassle of packing at all? Or would you rather us take care of it for you? We offer a complete packing service which includes the packing materials required, but we also offer a part packing service. It's a good option if you want us to take care of delicate, heavy or breakable items and sort the rest out yourself.

[Take a look at our dedicated packing and dismantling page](#)

TOP TIP #1

Start packing early on

You don't realise quite how much stuff you own until you have to pack it all away! Moving house is a time-consuming process and running out of time makes it incredibly stressful. So start early! We recommend at least 2-3 months in advance.

- De-clutter first, you don't want to waste time packing items you no longer want or need.
- Start with the rooms you use the least like spare bedrooms, garage, attics and cellars.
- Make mini goals. Plan ahead and aim to fill a few boxes a week, start with the most difficult rooms first making the packing task easier as you get closer to the big day.





TOP TIP #2

Keep boxes light

If you try and put lots of items in one box, particularly heavy items, you risk the contents either being crushed or falling out the bottom of the box when lifted.

- As a general rule, the heavier the item the smaller the box should be.
- If you can't slide the box across the floor with your foot, it's probably too heavy! They should weigh no more than 20kg, about the weight of your holiday suitcase.
- Always fill your boxes right to the top to maintain its rigidity.

TOP TIP #3

Label everything

It may seem obvious, but consistent labelling really does save so much time on the big day. We like to put everything in the specific rooms they'll be living in, so you can imagine how hard this becomes if we don't know where they should be!

- Specify whether the items inside are fragile or use our **fragile tape**. It's also handy to say which way up the box should be.
- Write which room you want them to be placed in on the side and top of the boxes so their destination can be seen even when they are stacked up.





TOP TIP #4

Wrapping station

Designate a zone to wrap all your possessions so that you can be methodical and organised.

TOP TIP #5

Assign colours to rooms

If you're feeling super organised, assign a colour to each room in your new home. Then mark the relevant boxes and pieces of furniture with a corresponding coloured sticky label or scribble so there can be no doubt about where things go.

TOP TIP #6

Protect your plants

Water your plants generously before moving and transport them individually in a tube of bubble wrap or a large bubble wrap bag. Be sure to cover the entire plant to prevent leaf damage.

TOP TIP #7

Don't get your wires crossed!

When you pack away your TV, computer or games console keep all of the associated wires in the same box to save you hunting around for them weeks later.

- You could use some masking tape to make a tab on the wire and write on it what device it's for as an extra precaution.

