

Packing Tips For Moving



When moving short or long distances one of the key ingredients to a successful move is careful planning and this starts with packing. CityCoast Removals have put together a few packing tips that may not only save you money but also to ensure that no valuables are broken or damaged in transit.

Equipment you will need for packing

- Scissors
- Packing Tape
- Marking Pens
- Stickers to write on
- Bubble Wrap
- Original TV box (if you kept it)
- White paper such as butchers paper (we don't recommend newspapers because the ink may transfer onto your items)
- Pad and a pen
- Stanley Knife

Priority and First Night Survival Carton

To ensure that your first few hours in your new home will be organised and stress-free you will need to pack a priority carton and a first night survival carton.

Priority Carton

Small valuable items, such as keys, assembly instructions for TV, DVD, CD player, Nintendo etc, include easy-to-lose items such as remote controls, mobile phone chargers, tea, coffee, sugar etc, drinks for the children, pen and notebook, toilet paper.

First Night Survival Carton

Medication, pyjamas, towels, bed linen for each bed, toiletries, favourite toys, pet food, clothing, foods, kitchen items needed for the first night.

Once completed, ensure that your cartons are well marked with Priority and let the removalist on the day of your move. so your cartons will be last on and first off when unloading the removal truck.

Tip: For any personal valuables such as wills, jewellery, photographs, contracts, etc, you may want to pack them in a separate box and take them to your new home yourself.

Quick Hints for Packing

- Try packing one room at a time and allow plenty of time to pack a room to prevent confusion as you go.
- Put small items such as screws from the dismantled furniture in sandwich bags and label the sandwich bag with a marker.
- Unbreakable, especially lighter items, are quite safe in heavy-duty garbage bags, which means substantial savings.
- Use bubble wrap on large vases, bowls, etc.
- Use small boxes such as **book boxes** for items such as books, DVD's and any other small heavy items. It is vital that you do not overload these boxes as they will be too heavy for anyone to move and the boxes may break.
- Take a photo of how your electronics are connected so you can remember how and where all the wires go.

How to Pack a Carton

When packing yourself, understanding some of the basics the professionals use will help. If you value your small breakables, you will want to pack properly.

Try to use proper removal boxes. It will make your task easier, your items will be safer, and your move will be completed more quickly.

Cross tape the bottom of the box with your tape.

Plan what you are putting in each box. Keep breakables to the minimum number of boxes.

Place a good layer of screwed-up paper or bubble wrap across the bottom of the box, and up the sides as high as the first row of items or about 5cm.

Form a layer of the heaviest items, individually wrapped in paper. Make sure they fit snugly together so there will be no movement.

On top of this layer of wrapped items, place another layer of crushed paper, and up the sides.

Continue layering the items wrapped in plain paper between layers of crushed paper, working up from the heavier items at the bottom, to the lighter, finer items on the top.

Finish flush to the top of the box with a final layer of crushed newspaper. All items should fit tightly to ensure there is no movement.

Close and tape the box, marking clearly its contents and the room its going to. Eg. Glassware Kitchen.

Don't overload cartons. Don't pack large cartons with books or heavy items they will take longer to move.

Whitegoods

Appliance bowls, motors, etc may need to be prepared/secured for moving.

Check the manufacturers operating instructions for your washer, dryer, microwave, fridge, freezer and dishwasher, and carry out any preparation required.

Thoroughly clean and dry the inside of all fridges, microwaves, dishwashers and freezers.

Empty and secure washer pumps and hoses, dry the bowl, and remove any lint from washer and dryer lint filters.

Drain the water from room cooler or refrigerator evaporation trays.

Electrical and Other Appliances

Computers and computer equipment, musical instruments, TV and video equipment, sound equipment, play stations etc may all need special handling or preparation. Check the manufacturers operating instructions, and carry out any preparation required.

Thoroughly clean and dry all food containers and preparation equipment, including the toaster.

Drain water from evaporative room coolers.

Prepare all room heaters as per manufacturer's instructions, and completely remove and clean fuel and fuel oil from combustion heaters.

Remove the dust bag from your vacuum cleaner

Kitchen and Laundry

Dispose of all unsealed food, detergent and cleaning product containers as well as unsealed liquid containers, aerosol cans, flammable fluids, matches, etc

Secure washing machine motor and drum

Around the Garage

Dispose of all unsealed liquid containers, aerosol cans, flammable fluids, matches, paints, poisons, oils, fuels, corrosive liquids, etc.

Drain the fuel and oil from lawnmowers, whipper snippers, edgers, chain saws etc. Clean, dry and prepare as per manufacturer's instructions.

Remove and secure bicycle accessories such as water bottles, pumps etc.

Secure all sharp objects.

Empty portable gas cylinders (ask your service station for help if necessary)

Rubbish Bins

Empty, clean and dry the inside of all rubbish, garbage and waste paper bins, etc.

Around the Garden

Empty, clean and dry outside rubbish and composting bins, wheelbarrows, etc. disconnect, drain and secure hoses.

Thoroughly clean grease etc from BBQ, and empty gas cylinders (ask your service station for help if necessary).

Dismantle, carefully bundle and secure outdoor settings, sporting equipment, swing sets, trampolines, etc

Hobbies and Pets

Empty, wash and spray dog kennels, empty and clean bird cages, fish tanks, etc.

Prepare and secure any special sporting or hobby equipment.

Remove or secure all sharp or dangerous objects, including fish hooks, spears, arrows, knives, etc.