

PACKING GUIDE

Our Packing Guide is full of top tips to help take the stress out of packing. We have divided the Guide up by room for easy reference.

KITCHEN

- ✓ If you store your knives on a knife block, keep them that way and wrap as a whole, if you store them separately, then pack separately, not in a bundle together
- ✓ When wrapping pots and pans, utilise the space in the pan with other kitchen items and invert the lid, placing the handle down, pots and pans etc can be stacked in a box
- ✓ Wrap each glass separately in tissue or wrapping paper, wrap the stems of glasses until they are the same width as the base and bulb, this makes an easier shape to wrap and adds strength to a fragile item, pack upright and in strong boxes, place "FRAGILE" labels on completed boxes
- ✓ Pack plates vertically on their edge instead of stacking them on top of each other, they have a far greater weight bearing strength this way **DO NOT STACK FLAT**
- ✓ Individually wrap dishes - **STACK THEM FLAT** - as you would in your cabinet.
- ✓ Cups & dishes may be placed inside each other and wrapped three or four in a bundle - put layers of bubble wrap between each dish - fill the top dish with crumpled paper
- ✓ Put bottles of wine and spirits into wine boxes - a broken bottle can ruin many items!
- ✓ Pack small appliances in their original container - if this is not available, use a box padded with wrapping paper or kitchen towels - wrap the appliance in bubble wrap to ensure adequate cushioning - you can pack several small appliances to a box
- ✓ Clean the oven thoroughly - grease left on the exterior will catch dust & dirt, and unfortunately, leave spots on anything that it touches!
- ✓ Dry out refrigerators and freezers and dispose of all perishables
- ✓ Clean and dry washing machines and tumble dryers - disconnect and drain the hoses, leave the door open for a few days prior to the move - if required, secure the tub following the manufacturers guidelines to prevent swaying
- ✓ For all large appliances, remove loose fittings and accessories and pack separately, tape or wedge all moveable parts and doors - make sure the inside and outside of the appliances are clean - you can stuff the inside of some appliances such as washing machines & dryers with towels or linens - wrap the appliance with blankets and tie securely
- ✓ Gas appliances must be disconnected by a qualified plumber - at the other end, you will again need a qualified plumber to check the gas supply and reconnect your appliances

BEDROOMS

- ✓ Quilts, pillows, light/bulky items will be best strapped with handypacked and then packing in extra large boxes - if you have small fragile items, you can pack a few in between the pillows for extra protection - just don't forget they are there!
- ✓ Take the bedframe to pieces - secure the pieces together with tape and keep all the nuts & bolts together in a self seal bag - be sure to label the pieces so you know how to reassemble it at the other end!
- ✓ Protect your mattress with a mattress cover or large sheets of plastic - you may want to cover them just before you walk out the door - the plastic may make it difficult to move downstairs or around awkward corners in your home
- ✓ Put curtain rails and blinds in a protective bag and secure
- ✓ Dressers - fill the drawers with small breakable items and cushion well with loose clothes, secure drawers with a blanket and tape - do not overload the drawers with heavy items
- ✓ Valuables - set aside jewellery, important papers and safe deposit box contents to be packed in a small container you can keep with you throughout the move

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LOUNGE

- ✓ You may want to wrap your best furniture in bubble wrap or blankets, not only to protect it from scratching but also to keep dust and dirt off too - clingfilm can also help to prevent small scratches and dust from damaging your furniture - make sure to wrap the item well to prevent snags when moving
- ✓ If you can take your furniture apart in any way to make it easier to move, make sure you put all nuts, bolts and screw in a self seal bag and secure the bag to the furniture - use cling film to hold drawers shut and wrap exposed legs (on tables and chairs) in bubble wrap or wrapping paper
- ✓ After disassembling lamps, pack the bases in boxes stuffed with packing paper or bubble wrap - pack lamp shades individually into boxes with plenty of packing paper for stuffing - don't use newspaper though as the ink smudges
- ✓ After vacuuming rugs, roll up and place inside a plastic coer and secure
- ✓ Tape an "X" of masking tape across mirrors and paintings framed with glass - wrap each item in bubble wrap - mark GLASS on the outside to help the ContainerKing Removal Team - always pack and store stood up on the ends, never flat
- ✓ Box TVs and Stereos upright, and make sure they are well padded on all sides
- ✓ CDs, games, DVDs etc should be packed in purpose made boxes, the same goes for any vinyl records you still have - mark the boxes FRAGILE
- ✓ Make sure ornaments and other small fragile items are well protected with plenty of cushioning, wrap first in tissue paper then pad out with wrapping paper

DINING ROOM

- ✓ Wrap chair legs & arms to prevent scratches - bundle armless chairs in pairs , seat to seat, with folded blanket or other padding between and tie together
- ✓ For larger tables, remove legs and tie together, put nuts & bolts into a sealable bag and secure to the underside of the table top - use a blanket to cover tops and wrap and secure spare table leaves
- ✓ Wrap all pieces of china and glassware individually - using several sheets of clean tissue paper, start from the corner, wrapping diagonally and continuously tucking in overlapping edges. Use plenty of tissue paper, followed by several layers of wrapping paper to cushion and protect all china and glassware - mark as FRAGILE
- ✓ Flat china and glassware can be wrapped individually with tissue paper and then bundle together with wrapping paper - place each bundle in a plate box on edge, use card to separate each bundle - surround each bundle with crushed paper, being careful to leave no voids or unfilled spaces - add two or three inches of paper on top of the bundle to protect rims and tape securely - mark as FRAGILE
- ✓ Wrap china cups individually first in a double layer of paper protecting handles with an extra layer of clean paper - then, pack cups upside down in a box
- ✓ To protect silver pieces from tarnishing, they should be completely enclosed in wrapping paper or bubble wrap

GARAGE / SHED

- ✓ Loosen, lower and turn bicycle handlebards at right angles to save space - clean and cover chains and pedals with card to protect other items from being snagged or soiled
- ✓ Drain fuel and oil from lawn mowers before loading - wrap and mark accordingly
- ✓ Drain hosepipes and pack in a box, fill remaining box space with small garden tools, secure brooms, shovels, and other long handled tools with tape

NOTES

Use this space to add any other useful notes during packing