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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
- 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