

Packing Checklist for Moving House

A practical, room-by-room checklist to help you pack in the right order, protect fragile belongings and stay organised for moving day.

MOVE DATE	_____	NEW ADDRESS	_____
REMOVAL DATE/TIME	_____	CONTACT NUMBER	_____

1. Start Here: Pack in This Order

Begin with belongings you will not need before moving day. Work towards everyday essentials so you do not have to reopen finished boxes.

- ☐ Declutter before packing: keep, donate, recycle or dispose.
- ☐ Pack lofts, garages, sheds and storage areas.
- ☐ Pack books, ornaments, pictures and other non-essential items.
- ☐ Move on to spare rooms and out-of-season clothing.
- ☐ Pack most bedrooms and living areas.
- ☐ Leave frequently used kitchen and bathroom items until later.
- ☐ Prepare a separate moving-day essentials box or bag.
- ☐ Do a final check of cupboards, drawers, lofts and outdoor spaces.

2. Essential Packing Supplies

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| ☐ Sturdy boxes in several sizes | ☐ Strong packing tape |
| ☐ Packing paper | ☐ Bubble wrap / cushioning |
| ☐ Furniture protection | ☐ Labels or marker pens |
| ☐ Picture / mirror protection | ☐ Wardrobe boxes where useful |

Tip: Use smaller boxes for heavy belongings such as books, and larger boxes for lighter, bulkier items. Keep every box at a manageable lifting weight.

3. Room-by-Room Packing Checklist

Finish one area at a time and label each box as soon as it is sealed.

Loft, Garage, Shed & Storage Areas

These are usually the best places to start because the contents are less likely to be needed before the move.

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| ☐ Sort items before boxing them. |
| ☐ Keep tools and small components together. |
| ☐ Dispose of anything unsuitable for transport. |
| ☐ Label boxes with their destination area at the new property. |

Spare Bedroom

Pack this room early, then use the cleared space as a temporary holding area for finished boxes.

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| ☐ Spare bedding and towels. |
| ☐ Books and decorations. |
| ☐ Out-of-season clothing and shoes. |
| ☐ Items stored in wardrobes, drawers and under the bed. |

Living Room

Start with decorative and occasional-use belongings. Leave frequently used electronics until closer to moving day.

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| ☐ Books, ornaments and collections. |
| ☐ Pictures, artwork and mirrors. |
| ☐ Contents of display cabinets. |
| ☐ Wrap delicate decorations individually. |
| ☐ Fill empty box space so contents cannot shift. |

Bedrooms

Keep enough clothing, bedding and toiletries accessible for the final few days.

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| ☐ Out-of-season clothing. |
| ☐ Spare shoes, accessories and bedding. |
| ☐ Books and decorative items. |
| ☐ Empty under-bed storage. |
| ☐ Set aside furniture that may need dismantling. |

Room-by-Room Checklist: Continued

Kitchen

Kitchens often take longer than expected. Pack occasional-use items first and keep a basic set available until the final day.

- ☐ Serving dishes and occasional cookware.
- ☐ Baking equipment and spare glassware.
- ☐ Non-essential small appliances.
- ☐ Wrap crockery and glassware individually.
- ☐ Avoid making boxes excessively heavy.
- ☐ Mark boxes containing breakables clearly.

Bathroom

Pack this room late and keep everyday toiletries available until moving morning.

- ☐ Dispose of empty or unwanted products.
- ☐ Close bottles securely and keep liquids upright where possible.
- ☐ Separate anything that could leak.
- ☐ Pack spare towels and toiletries first.

Home Office

Keep important paperwork organised and protect digital information before disconnecting equipment.

- ☐ Pack archived paperwork and books.
- ☐ Pack non-essential stationery and desk accessories.
- ☐ Back up important digital files.
- ☐ Photograph cable connections before disconnecting equipment.
- ☐ Keep essential documents with you rather than in general boxes.

4. Label Every Box Clearly

ROOM	CONTENTS	HANDLING
KITCHEN	Glasses & mugs	FRAGILE / THIS WAY UP

Write labels where they remain visible when boxes are stacked. For a larger move, number boxes and keep a simple inventory. Avoid vague labels such as “miscellaneous”.

5. Protect Fragile Items

Fragile belongings can be damaged by impact, pressure or movement inside a box. Give them extra protection and avoid overloading.

- ☐ Use a sturdy box in good condition.
- ☐ Add cushioning to the bottom of the box.
- ☐ Wrap fragile items individually.
- ☐ Protect corners and delicate edges.
- ☐ Fill gaps so items cannot move freely.
- ☐ Do not overload or compress the box.
- ☐ Seal securely and clearly mark FRAGILE.
- ☐ Keep particularly valuable or sentimental items appropriately separated.

6. Moving-Day Essentials Box

☐ Phone chargers	☐ Toiletries
☐ Toilet roll	☐ Basic cleaning supplies
☐ Kettle, mugs and drinks	☐ Snacks
☐ Essential paperwork	☐ Basic toolkit
☐ Change of clothes	☐ First-night bedding
☐ Children's immediate essentials	☐ Any personal essentials you need with you

7. Common Packing Mistakes to Avoid

- ☐ Leaving most packing until the last minute.
- ☐ Making boxes too heavy to handle safely.
- ☐ Leaving empty space around fragile items.
- ☐ Using weakened or unsuitable boxes.
- ☐ Forgetting to label boxes as soon as they are sealed.
- ☐ Mixing belongings from several rooms in one box.
- ☐ Packing everything before decluttering.

8. Final Check Before Moving Day

- ☐ Every room, cupboard and storage area has been checked.
- ☐ Loft, garage, shed and outdoor areas are clear.
- ☐ Every box has a destination-room label.
- ☐ Fragile boxes are clearly identified.
- ☐ Boxes are not overloaded.
- ☐ Breakable and delicate belongings are protected.
- ☐ Moving-day essentials are kept separate.
- ☐ Furniture that needs dismantling has been identified.
- ☐ Important documents and personal essentials are set aside.
- ☐ A final walk-through has been completed before leaving.

SHORT ON TIME OR PACKING FRAGILE BELONGINGS?

A2B Removals offers professional packing support for house moves, including full and partial packing options. Professional help can be useful when you have a large amount to pack, limited time, awkward belongings or fragile items that need additional care.

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