

MGM Settlements 'Packing Tips'

Tips on packing boxes for moving

Packing boxes for moving may seem like a simple task, but there is a right and a wrong way to pack for a successful move. When a box is packed correctly, it will protect all the items that it contains to ensure that no valuables are broken or damaged in transit.

Pack one room at a time. You'll feel more organised packing each room systematically.

1. Get the right box or container ...
2. Don't over pack ...
3. Protect your things ...
4. Pack and plan for your first night i.e., kettle, cups, coffee, tea, etc, toiletries, towels, soap, toilet paper.
5. Label the contents of your boxes, i.e., kitchen, bathroom

Best practices

It is usually recommended to use a new, corrugated box when packing. If you're hoping to save money on your moving budget and are packing with used boxes, make sure to test each box for durability beforehand.

The strength of a box should support the contents that it contains. An ideal box should be rigid and in good condition without rips, tears, punctures, or damage to the corners.

Once you have high quality, durable packing boxes for moving, here are the steps to take to properly pack a box:

Reinforce the bottom of the box with packing tape. This is especially important if the box has already been broken down and is used. This will ensure that any items in the box don't fall through the bottom in transit.

Pack heavy items on the bottom of the box and lighter items on top.

Fill the empty space of the box with fabric, like dishtowels or clothing, or use butcher paper or bubble wrap for support. This will ensure that items in the box don't shift during a move.

Don't pack boxes heavier than 20 kilograms. Not only will they be difficult to lift, but an overly heavy box is more likely to tear or give out at the bottom.

Make sure that all packing boxes for moving can close and seal properly on top. Never pack a box that can't close or that has items sticking out of the top.

Although the above guidelines for packing boxes for moving may seem basic, they are important if you want to ensure a quick, efficient relocation to your new home. Many people are unaware that movers will refuse to transport self-packed boxes that aren't durable, are packed incorrectly, or contain hazardous items like fuel, paint, and firearms. If a moving company has to repack a box for you, they will charge you for the service.

Small items

When packing moving boxes, it doesn't make any sense to fill up a large box with small, loose items like screws, jewellery, or even silverware. How are you supposed to pack small items in larger boxes when moving?

First and foremost, organisation is key. Think ahead by taping bolts, screws, and other loose items underneath furniture so that the necessary screws will stay with the right furniture in a move to be assembled later.

When it comes to clothing, you can keep clothes in dresser drawers to transport separately from a vanity.

For very small, loose items, either pack them in your suitcase to take with you or pack them in larger containers like a jewellery box, shoebox, or resealable plastic bag so that they stay safe and organised when packed in a larger box.

Top moving tip

Try not to pack in garbage bags instead of boxes. Garbage bags will rip and tear easily if they are not of the heavy-duty type and will often cause more trouble than they're worth when moving. Pack linens, clothing, and towels in large garment bags instead.

Happy Moving.