

Packing Guide

Nothing is more vital to a successful move than the proper packing and preparation of your household possessions. You have invested a lot of care and money in your belongings. When you move them, you want to be certain they will arrive safely. The best way to do that is to ensure they are packed properly, using the best available materials.

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A trained and experienced packing team from Peterborough Movers & Storage brings to your home a variety of new materials to provide the finest protection for your belongings. They also bring the skills and techniques developed over many years in the business, reinforced with regular training.

Packing It Yourself

If you do decide to pack your own belongings, follow these tips to ensure the most successful move.

- Start with assembling packing materials including sturdy cartons of different sizes (always with good tops), tape for sealing cartons, clean paper and tissue paper for wrapping china and fabrics, newspapers to be used as cushioning material, and marking pens.
- China dishes are packed in bundles, each dish separated from the others by clean newsprint. Each bundle is then placed on edge over a layer of crushed paper in a china barrel and packed snug. Layers are tiered to fill the carton.
- Remove all valuable items such as money, jewelry and valuable papers from your drawers and take them with you. We are not responsible for such articles unless accepted for transportation and specifically listed on the shipping documents.
- Small Appliances, Radios, etc., should be packed individually before being placed in a carton.
- Large Appliances have to be disconnected and sometimes serviced before they are moved and connected again in your new home. Movers are not allowed to do this, but they can suggest a reliable company than can do this for you.
- The refrigerator should be defrosted a day or two ahead of the move and a carton set aside for refrigerator contents on moving day. Dispose of, or take by car, anything that

may spill. Refrigerator shelves, just like stove shelves, should be held securely in place with masking tape.

- Books should be packed on edge for safe transport. Use small cartons so as not to make any carton too heavy.
- Curtains are folded lengthwise over the padded bar in a wardrobe carton and pinned to secure them in place. Then they are covered with clean newsprint, and the carton is sealed. Smaller sizes may be hung on hangers in the wardrobe carton.
- Clothing will be kept clean when moved in wardrobe cartons. One carton will hold about 30 garments on hangers and save on expensive cleaning bills.
- Flammable Substances such as gasoline in cans or lawnmowers must be disposed of or taken in your car.
- Flowers and Plants will be accepted for shipment only at owner's risk. Ensure all plants are packed in cartons taller than your plants. Use lots of paper between pots to keep them upright or cut cardboard inserts to hold pots in place.
- Frozen Food will be accepted for shipment only at owner's risk. Wrap all frozen food separately and place in small cartons in the freezer. The freezer will be loaded last and the cartons of food will be removed and wrapped in pads for loading. The freezer is moved empty to protect its delicate liner. At your new home the freezer comes off the truck first and the cartons of food can be unwrapped and replaced in the freezer.
- Mattresses are very personal items you will want to protect. Plastic mattress sleeves in a variety of sizes are designed to safeguard your mattresses and box springs while they are moved.
- Pictures and Mirrors should be packed. Metal mirrors, backless mirrors and marble slabs should be crated. Paintings and mirrors are first covered in a special blanket wrap and then packed carefully into a mirror carton.
- Power Tools and Outdoor Equipment such as TV aerials, children's swings, and garden sheds should be dismantled before moving day.
- Table Lamps and Shades should be packed separately in cartons, covering shades with tea towels or tissue paper and handling them only by the wires.
- When filled, no carton should weigh more than 23kg or 50lbs.
- Do not use garbage bags for packing. They tear easily and do not protect your goods.
- Cartons should be cushioned with crushed newspapers at the bottom, between layers, at the top and in all empty spaces.
- Heavier items should be placed on the bottom layer and the lightest and most fragile articles should be on top.
- Each fragile item should be wrapped separately.
- Small articles such as salt and pepper shakers should be wrapped in colorful paper or packed in small boxes first, so they don't get lost.
- Cartons should not be overfilled. The tops should close flat and nothing should stick out of them.
- All cartons should be securely taped top and bottom.
- Each carton should be labeled on the top and sides. Name the room where it should go. List its contents, either on the carton or in a notebook for your convenience.

If you have any questions or concerns about how to pack a specific item [contact us](#) at Peterborough Movers & Storage.