

Packing Tips

Leader REMOVALS & STORAGE

Leader Removals provide a professional pre-packing service to customers. We are happy to provide a full pack or a partial pack. Many customers prefer crockery and fragile items in particular to be completed by professionals. Whether you are packing yourself or having a partial or full pre-pack, following are some handy hints for your packing:

Items you will need for packing:

Cartons:

The most commonly used cartons are:

Tea Chest Cartons (used for linen and larger household items)

Book/Fragile Cartons (used for books, ornaments, crockery)

Picture Cartons

Robe Cartons

Other:

Packing Paper

Black Permanent Marker

Bubblewrap

Tape

- Disconnect cords and plugs from your television, VCR/DVD, stereo, playstation, Xbox etc., and bundle together with tape or removal wrap. Mark where the items have come from so they can go back easily at their destination.
- Disconnect your washing machine and drain water from the hoses.
- Unplug your refrigerator/freezer and ensure it is fully defrosted and dry.
- Dismantle beds, swings, trampolines, sheds, and shelving ready for loading. Bundle together screws, bolts etc., and label to ensure they are easily found for re-assembly at your destination.
- Bundle garden tools such as rakes, shovels etc., in groups of four.
- Bundle brooms, mops etc, in groups of four.
- FRAGILE items. Ensure you use fragile cartons which are thicker than standard cartons to provide maximum protection. Pad the base of your carton with at least 5cm of packing paper. Stemmed glasses should be wrapped and packed vertically (rim down), plates should be wrapped and packed vertically. Always pack the heaviest items on the bottom. Never place items on top of stemmed glassware. Cups, vases and standard glasses should be packed vertically, rim down and handles inward. Ensure cartons are packed to the top but do not bulge at the top as a flat surface is required for loading. It is always a good idea to provide some padding at the top of cartons with fragile items. This offers additional protection as well as ensuring the carton will not sag inwards.
- Cartons should be labelled immediately as it is easy to forget what you have placed in each carton once it is sealed. The label should note what the items are and which room they came from. Clearly label cartons with fragile contents. Many removalists will hire cartons or buy them back. Normally, the carton needs to be free of writing for a refund, therefore, we recommend writing on the tape, NOT the carton.
- Bulbs, lamp shades, dried flower arrangements and similar light weight items can be placed in drawers. Bubblewrap bulbs and ensure items cannot roll around in the drawers.
- If you have kept your original cartons and packing for your electrical goods, such as kitchen appliances, TV's, computers etc., place them back in the carton they came from. Small appliance cartons should be packed into larger cartons to enable their quick removal and packing into the removalist vehicle.
- Ensure heavy items such as books, magazines, wine bottles and heavy ornaments are packed into smaller book and fragile cartons. It is important not to allow cartons to get too heavy.

- Gas bottles must be empty for transit. Flammable and explosive materials such as petrol, paint, ammunition etc., cannot be carried by your removalist.
- Pack as many items as you possibly can into cartons. It is easier and safer to have goods properly packed in cartons.
- Garbage bags and other plastic bags should be avoided as they often tear in transit and create difficulties in loading.

If you have any special care items such as piano's, antique furniture etc., please ensure we are aware of them so that they can be given the special attention they need in your removal service.