

Preparing to Move House—Packing

• Choosing the packing materials

We can supply you with a variety of good quality cartons and other packing materials suitable for moving house from our stock and have them delivered to you. Our range includes heavy duty, smaller boxes for packing books, general purpose cartons, wardrobe cartons and special boxes for shipping goods and furniture overseas. We also stock tape, heavy duty polyethene bags, mattress / sofa bags, bubble film, packing paper, foam blanket and other specialist materials. Please ask for prices and details.

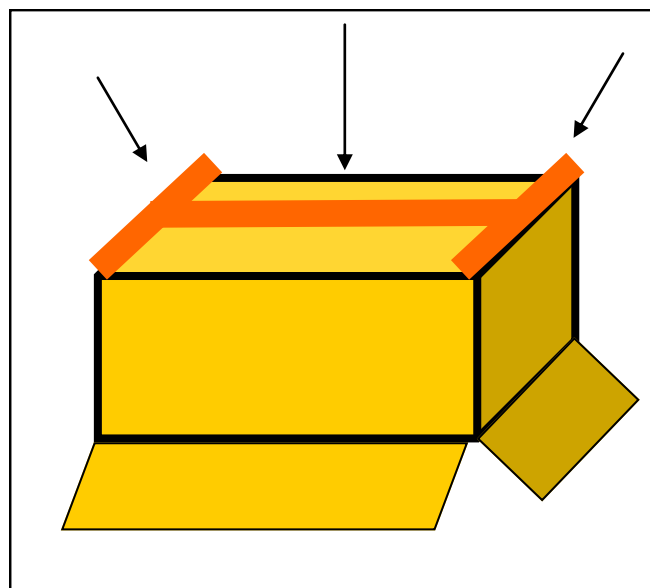
Avoid using cheaper, single wall boxes, fruit crates and cheap bin liners as they will not protect your belongings and often fall apart when moved. Its very unlikely that any professional removal company will provide free materials in their price unless they are second hand, low quality or provision has been costed for this in their price.

• Assembling cartons

Making sure your boxes are correctly assembled will make them much stronger and also ensures that the bottom won't fall out when lifted.

Tape across the seams, then along the edges as shown. Make sure the tape on the edges folds over the sides of carton too as this helps prevent small items from falling out and makes the carton much more rigid.

Make sure you seal the top of the carton in the same manor when you have filled it as items easily fall out of open boxes during transit, plus they are very difficult for the removal crew to stack inside the vehicle safely.



• Box packing tips

- ⇒ Start your packing well in advance of your move date
- ⇒ Don't overfill boxes—remember that they will have to be lifted by somebody, but do try to use all the space in the box as tightly wrapped items will travel better.

- ⇒ Wrap fragile items in paper or bubble film, its good to use crumpled up paper as a packer. Items like crockery shouldn't touch each other and its often better to pack plates and dishes vertically in the box, sitting on a base layer of paper. Fill up any empty space with more paper.
- ⇒ Pack heavy items at the bottom of boxes and fill the remaining space with lighter bulkier goods
- ⇒ Use smaller, stronger boxes for books.
- ⇒ Clothes, bedding and soft furnishings can be packed into heavy duty plastic bags—we sell very good quality "Utility Bags" ideal for this purpose. Please avoid cheap, thin bin liners as they will rip open.
- ⇒ Label boxes and bags with their contents and destination room at your new address

• Packing other items

Pictures and mirrors which you are packing yourself should be wrapped in bubble film a layer of protective card on the glass face.

Large lamps and other similar items should be dismantled where possible and the components boxed. Bubble wrap delicate bulky items where possible.

Furniture and other goods will be packed directly into the removal lorry or your storage container using protective transit blankets. You should inform our office of any special requirements prior to the removal date.

Our crews carry polyethene covers on the removal van for your sofas and mattresses. These will normally be fitted by the crew on the day of your move.

• Anything Else

If you are unsure of anything, then call our office—the numbers are below or send us an email to office@nelsonremovals.co.uk