

Guide

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Introduction.

Moving house can feel like a big task, but with the right prep and tips, it doesn't have to be stressful!

We've put together this simple guide to help make your move as smooth as possible—from packing up your home to choosing the right van size.



Packing Tips for a Stress-Free Move.

Before You Start Packing

- **Plan Ahead:** Take time to decide what to pack and what to leave behind. Start with rooms you use the least (like the attic or spare room) and work downwards. Label boxes with the room they belong to—it'll save time later!
- **Gather Supplies:** Estimate how many boxes you'll need (you'll likely need more than you think!). Stock up on tape, bubble wrap, and boxes in various sizes.
- **Declutter as You Go:** Moving is the perfect time for a clear-out. Set aside items you don't need for donation, recycling, or selling.
- **Pack a 'First Day' Box:** Put essentials like toiletries, a phone charger, and a change of clothes in a clear plastic box. This way, it's easy to grab what you need when you arrive at your new home.

Packing Hacks

- **Label Cables:** Worried about losing track of device wires? Label them! Use masking tape to wrap around cables and write down which appliance they belong to.
- **Tangled Cables? No Thanks:** Keep cables neat using rubber bands, zip ties, or even toilet roll tubes. Bonus—they're eco-friendly!
- **Heavy Items:** Pack books and other heavy objects in smaller boxes and don't forget to label them as heavy to avoid injuries. Always stack heavy boxes on the bottom to protect delicate items above.
- **Toiletries & Cosmetics:** Prevent leaks by covering bottle openings with cling film before replacing the lids. For powder makeup, add a cotton pad inside to avoid cracks.
- **Clothes on Hangers:** Keep life simple by sliding clothes on hangers directly into bin bags. Tie the hangers together with string—no folding needed!
- **Protect Rugs & Carpets:** Roll them up, secure with rope, and cover the ends to keep them clean.

Packing Fragile Items

- **Plates & Glassware:** Wrap dishes individually and pack them vertically, like records, to avoid pressure on the bottom plates. Stack pots and pans with newspaper between them.
- **Artwork & Mirrors:** Wrap in paper or bubble wrap and, for mirrors, add an X of packing tape to reduce the risk of cracks. Use sturdy mirror boxes for extra protection.
- **Electronics:** Back up all data on computers before packing them. Label each cable and pack each component with extra cushioning to keep everything intact.

Furniture & Appliances

- **Furniture:** Keep screws and fittings in labelled bags and tape them to the furniture they belong to. Protect arms and legs with bubble wrap.
- **Fridge/Freezer:** Defrost and drain these a few hours before the move, then secure the doors shut.
- **Washing Machines:** Disconnect carefully (check tutorials if you're unsure!), and secure hoses.

What Size Van Do You Need?

Choosing the right van size can make all the difference. Here's a quick breakdown to help you decide based on what you're moving.

Medium Wheelbase Transit (MWB)

- Capacity: Up to 30 medium-sized boxes (roughly the contents of a shed).
- Ideal For: Small moves with mostly boxes and smaller furniture items.

Long Wheelbase Transit (LWB)

- Capacity: Ideal for 20 boxes plus large items like a fridge-freezer, 2-seater sofa, and bed.
- Ideal For: Moving from a furnished flat or clearing a small garage.

3.5 Tonne Luton Van

- Capacity: Holds 20-25 boxes plus bulkier items like a dining table and double bed. Includes a tail lift for easy loading.
- Ideal For: One- to two-bedroom flat moves.

7.5 Tonne Luton Box Van

- Capacity: Fits the contents of a 3-bedroom house (roughly 50+ boxes, sofas, beds, etc.).
- Ideal For: Bigger moves with lots of furniture.

Tip: Always overestimate the space you'll need—items like sofas and mattresses can be awkward to stack!

Why Moving Insurance Matters.

Accidents can happen and, when they do, you'll want to be covered. Moving insurance ensures that your belongings are protected during transit, whether it's a beloved 50" TV or a priceless family heirloom. The key is to know what's covered, so you're not left in the dark when something goes missing or gets damaged.

Types of Moving Insurance

Here's a quick overview of the main types of cover you can explore to keep your belongings secure during the move.

Complete Value Protection

Your belongings are covered for damage, breakage, or loss—though this often comes with a minimum coverage requirement.

Assessed Value Coverage

The value of your items determines the level of protection, so pricier pieces receive higher coverage.

Weight-Assessed Coverage

Typically reserved for international or freight moves, this option calculates protection based on the weight of your shipment.

Check Your Transporter's Insurance

Your removal company may have their own insurance in place, but it's always good to double-check! Familiarise yourself with these types of insurance they usually offer:

- Public Liability Insurance protects your home from damages like scuffed walls or scratched floors.
- Goods in Transit Insurance covers your belongings from pick-up to delivery, although it often comes with claim limits and excess fees.
- CMR Insurance is specific to European moves and required for crossing borders.

Consider Third-Party Insurance

If your removal company's cover feels insufficient, you can always look into purchasing your own moving insurance. Many providers offer all-inclusive cover for loss or damage at reasonable rates—just don't forget to read the small print!



More Tips.

De-Clutter

Less is more when it comes to moving! Go through your belongings and part with anything you don't need. You'll save time, effort, and space on moving day.

Notify Utilities and Services

Make a list of your utilities—water, electricity, gas, phone—and inform them of your moving date at least 48 hours in advance. Don't forget to update your bank, car insurance provider, doctor, and other essential services with your new address.

Send Change of Address Notices

A simple email or Facebook post can save you money on stamps while letting family and friends know you're moving. Alternatively, opt for classic cards for those who love snail mail.

Plan for Pets

Moving is just as stressful for your furry friends. Arrange for a pet sitter, kennel, or cattery, so they're not underfoot while you move.

Start Packing Early

Pack non-essentials like books and out-of-season clothes weeks ahead of time. This way, you're not rushing to throw everything into boxes at the last minute.

Prep Your Fridge and Freezer

Eat through your freezer in advance—your chicken nuggets won't survive long in transit! Defrost both your fridge and freezer a couple of days before moving day.

Keep Valuables Close

Items like passports, jewellery, and driving licences should stay with you during the move. Keeping those essentials in sight provides peace of mind.

Leave Helpful Notes

Welcome the new homeowners with instructions for using the central heating, locating the fuse box, and understanding rubbish collection schedules. It's a kind gesture that'll go a long way!

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We look forward to assisting you every step of the way! If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.



Final message from the team.

Moving house can be stress-free with the right preparation and tools. Start by planning ahead, decluttering, and gathering supplies like boxes, tape, and bubble wrap. Smart packing methods, such as labelling cables, securing fragile items, and packing heavy objects in small boxes, can save time and effort. Choosing the right van size is crucial, from a medium wheelbase for small moves to a 7.5-tonne van for larger households.

Don't forget moving insurance to protect your belongings, and notify utilities and services about your move. Keep essentials like valuables or a 'first-day' box close at hand, and welcome the new owners with helpful notes.

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