

Can Movers Disconnect and Reconnect My Appliances?



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Do Movers Normally Disconnect Appliances?

Most removal companies, including London Man Van, do not disconnect or reconnect appliances as part of standard moving services. Why?

- **Health and safety regulations** restrict non-qualified individuals from handling certain utilities.
- **Insurance limitations** exclude liability for water or gas damage caused by improper disconnection.
- **Technical expertise** is often required for appliances connected to gas or mains water.

That said, movers may help with **moving the appliances once disconnected**, and may offer limited assistance if discussed in advance.

Which Appliances Are Affected?

Here's what you need to know about moving major household appliances:

Washing Machines & Dishwashers

- **Disconnection:** Involves turning off water supply and removing hoses — typically done by a plumber.
- **Reconnection:** Leak checks and reinstallation — usually requires a professional.

Fridges & Freezers

- **Preparation:** Defrost at least 24 hours before moving. Ensure it's dry and clean.
- **Reconnection:** Most can be plugged in safely, but let it stand upright for a few hours before powering on.

Cookers & Ovens

- **Gas Cookers:** Must be disconnected/reconnected by a Gas Safe-registered engineer.
- **Electric Ovens:** May be hardwired and need an electrician to manage safely.

Tumble Dryers & Microwaves

- These can generally be unplugged and moved without issue.
- Double-check voltage and plug types if moving abroad.

Why Can't Movers Disconnect Appliances?

It's not that movers don't want to help — it's that they legally can't in most cases:

- **Gas leaks** or **water flooding** can cause serious damage or danger.
- **Shock risks** from electrical appliances without proper disconnection.
- **Insurance exclusions** for plumbing, gas, and electrical work.

London Man Van puts safety first. We never cut corners, which is why we don't offer appliance disconnection services unless arranged with a qualified technician.

What Should You Do Before Moving Day?

? Prepare Appliances Yourself or Hire a Specialist

Here's a handy checklist to follow:

- ? **Turn off power and water** to appliances at the wall or mains
- ? **Defrost** fridges and freezers at least 24 hours before moving
- ? **Drain water hoses** from washing machines and dishwashers
- ? **Secure cords, doors, and trays** to avoid movement in transit
- ? **Hire specialists** (plumber/electrician/Gas Safe engineer) if needed
- ? **Tell your movers** in advance about appliance types and dimensions

? [See our packing services](#) to help organise your move.

Can I Pay Extra for Appliance Help?

Some companies, including us, offer premium moving services for appliances:

- Protective wrapping and packaging
- Appliance lifting and safe transport down stairs or through tight spaces
- Advice on how to prepare appliances for the move

Note: Actual disconnection and reconnection still require certified professionals. Be sure to clarify this when booking your move.

FAQs - Appliance Moving Questions

Can movers disconnect a washing machine?

No. Most movers aren't qualified to handle plumbing. Hire a plumber to disconnect and drain the appliance before moving day.

Are movers allowed to disconnect gas appliances?

No. For legal and safety reasons, only a Gas Safe-registered engineer can disconnect or reconnect gas cookers and ovens.

Will movers unplug and reconnect my fridge or freezer?

Yes and no. Movers can transport fridges once they are unplugged and defrosted, but you'll need to plug them in yourself and allow them to stand for a few hours before use.

Can movers handle electrical disconnections?

Not usually. Simple plug-in appliances are fine to unplug yourself. But hardwired items like electric ovens should be handled by a certified electrician.

Do movers charge extra for appliance disconnection?

Not typically. Because most movers don't offer this service, they won't charge for it — but may offer optional appliance handling as an add-on.

Should I prepare my appliances before the movers arrive?

Yes. Defrost, unplug, and drain all appliances in advance. Movers expect them to be ready to lift and transport on arrival.

Are movers trained to handle large or heavy appliances?

Yes. At London Man Van, our team is trained and equipped to safely move heavy items — provided they're already disconnected and safe to handle.

Do I need a plumber or electrician for appliance reconnections?

In many cases, yes. Especially for washing machines, dishwashers, gas cookers, or hardwired ovens. Plan ahead to avoid delays.

Final Thoughts

Moving home means handling more than boxes. Appliances need special care and coordination. Most movers — including London Man Van — can transport your appliances safely but will not disconnect or reconnect them due to legal and safety reasons.

Plan ahead. Hire the right professionals and let your movers know what's involved. With proper prep, your appliances will arrive at your new home ready to be safely installed and used again.

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