
How Do I Prepare My Home for Movers on Moving Day?



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1. Finish Packing (Unless You've Booked Packing Services)

If you're doing the packing yourself, make sure everything is ready before the movers arrive:

- ? Boxes are sealed and labelled clearly
- ? Furniture is disassembled (beds, desks, etc.)
- ? Hazardous or restricted items are packed separately

Booked our [Packing Service](#)? Then relax — we'll handle everything safely and efficiently.

2. Create a Clear Path for Movers

Make it easy for your movers to navigate your home:

- Clear walkways between rooms
- Remove clutter from hallways and stairs
- Prop doors open and protect floors if needed

Pro tip: Keep pets and kids in a safe room to avoid accidents.

3. Pack a Personal Essentials Bag

This bag should stay with you — not go in the van. Include:

- ? Important documents (passports, contracts, etc.)
- ? Chargers, devices, cash/cards
- ? Toiletries and a change of clothes
- ? Baby or pet supplies
- ? Snacks and bottled water

Label it clearly and place it somewhere it won't be packed by accident.

4. Defrost and Clean Fridges/Freezers

If you're moving your fridge or freezer:

- ?? Unplug and defrost at least 24 hours in advance
- ? Wipe interiors dry to avoid water leaks
- ?? Dispose of perishable items ahead of time

Tip: Let us know if you're moving appliances so we can bring the right gear.

5. Secure Parking at Both Locations

You're responsible for making sure there's space for the van:

- ? Reserve space near the entrance
- ?? Arrange a permit from your local council if needed
- ? Avoid times with loading restrictions or road closures

Unsure what's required? [Contact us for help with parking regulations](#) in your area.

6. Take Photos of Valuable or Fragile Items

Before your movers arrive, quickly snap photos of:

- ? Electronics like TVs, monitors, sound systems
- ?? Artwork, mirrors, or glass decor
- ? Antique or irreplaceable furniture

These photos help with insurance claims if damage occurs — although we pack everything with care and provide Goods in Transit Insurance (when packed by us).

7. Label Boxes by Room and Contents

Well-labelled boxes make life easier for everyone. Use large, clear labels that state:

- **Room name** (e.g., Kitchen, Bedroom 1)
- **Contents** (e.g., Pots, Cutlery, Bedding)
- **Fragile or Priority** items clearly marked

This helps us place boxes in the right rooms and speeds up your unpacking.

8. Keep Children and Pets Safe

Moving day is noisy and chaotic — and not ideal for little ones or animals.

- ? Set up a safe room with toys or screens for kids
- ? Use a crate or confine pets to a calm room
- ??????? Better yet, arrange for a friend or sitter to look after them off-site

9. Walk the House One Last Time

Before your movers leave, do a final walkthrough:

- ? Unplug appliances, turn off lights
- ? Check drawers, cupboards, under beds
- ? Lock doors and windows
- ? Clean floors if required (especially for rentals)

It's easy to miss things — especially in top cupboards and behind doors!

FAQs – Preparing for Moving Day

Should I help the movers carry items?

No — it's best to leave lifting to the pros. For insurance and safety reasons, our team is trained to handle heavy and bulky items properly.

Can I leave drawers full?

No — drawers should be emptied. Leaving items inside increases the risk of damage to furniture and makes lifting more difficult.

What if I'm not ready when the movers arrive?

Delays can result in additional charges. If you're running behind, let us know — or book our packing team to get everything ready in time.

Do I need to disconnect appliances before moving?

Yes — [disconnect and defrost appliances in advance](#). Movers are not typically responsible for unplumbing washing machines or gas cookers.

What should I pack in my essentials bag?

Include anything you'll need for the day and night. Think: documents, chargers, snacks, toiletries, baby or pet supplies, and clothes.

Should I label my boxes?

Yes — this helps movers place items in the right rooms. Clearly marked boxes also make unpacking much faster and less stressful.

How early should I start preparing for the move?

Ideally, begin 3–4 weeks before moving day. Start with decluttering, followed by packing non-essentials, and final packing the week before.

What should I do with kids and pets on moving day?

Arrange childcare or pet care if possible. If not, keep them safe in a quiet, distraction-free space while movers do their job.

Conclusion

Preparing your home properly before the movers arrive saves time, reduces stress, and helps everything go smoothly. With early planning, labelled boxes, a cleared path, and your [essentials packed separately](#), your move will be faster and more efficient.

? Ready to make your move smooth and stress-free?

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