

a move as individual as you



PREPARING FOR YOUR MOVE

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Once you've booked your removal, there are a number of things to consider in advance to ensure a trouble-free move. We have compiled the following hints and tips to help you prepare for move day:

Packing & unpacking

If you have decided to pack yourself, ensure the cartons are strong enough to permit stacking without damaging the contents. Make sure cartons are only half filled with heavy items such as books, and top up with lighter items.

Self-assembly furniture

Pickfords can arrange for a joiner to dismantle your furniture, depending on each item's age, condition and complexity.

Attics and lofts

If you have an attic or loft, make sure to clear these and place items in a convenient spot ready to be moved. This helps our move team see the entire scale of your move when they first arrive, and ensures nothing gets forgotten.

Cookers, washing machines, fridges and freezers

These should all be disconnected, drained and dried prior to our arrival. To avoid damage, automatic washing machine drums should be secured with the brackets supplied by the manufacturer. To avoid unpleasant odours, wash out fridges and freezers with a strong solution of hot water bicarbonate of soda.

Curtains, blinds and fixtures

These should be taken down prior to the arrival of your removal crew. Please place pictures and mirrors in a neat stack, as they may have to be loaded first.

Keep clothing on hangers

Clothing can remain on hangers. We will provide special wardrobe cartons in various sizes for your clothes. All other items of clothing should be packed into suitcases.

Bedding and linen

All bedding and linen should be folded and laid out on beds ready for packing.



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Electronic devices

TVs, hi-fis, PCs, games consoles, DVD/Blu-ray players, etc, are best moved in their original packaging. Pickfords' specialist cartons and covers protect delicate electronics in transit.

China glass and ornaments

These can be left in cupboards and on shelves ready for our team to pack.

Contents of garages and garden sheds

Ensure any rubbish is discarded and tools cleaned and bundled together for easy carrying. We cannot move flammable substances, unsealed paint tins, creosote, paraffin, matches, gas bottles or similar items, as these invalidate your insurance cover. Other containers or bottles should be securely sealed to prevent spillage.

Pets

It is best to keep pets out of the way during collection and delivery on moving day, to prevent them becoming unsettled. Help them feel comfortable by travelling with them to your new home.

Fitness equipment

Dismantle any fitness equipment before moving day.

Plants

Wrap plants in newspaper to protect from drafts and stop the leaves bruising. Once in your new home, stand them in a room with plenty of light but don't unwrap until the move has finished.

Exclusions

Pickfords' terms and conditions and terms of insurance do not cover jewellery, watches, precious stones, money, coins, bullion, deeds, bonds, securities, stamps, furs, tobacco or cigars. It is best to pack these items yourself and carry them in the car. Please refer to your Guidance Notes for a complete list of exclusions.



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If you have asked Pickfords to pack for you, it's time to sit back and let our professional packing team go to work. By arranging this service, you will save your time and effort and ensure your goods are protected during your move.

Protecting your home

Pickfords will ensure your home is protected during the move. Special care will be taken to protect your carpets, wooden floors, banisters and doors prior to moving your furniture.

Professional wrapping and packing

A day or so before your actual move date a packing team will carry out this service, using our own range of wrapping and packing materials, to ensure your goods are protected during your move.

Silverware

To prevent tarnishing, silverware is wrapped in acid-free tissue.

China and glassware

Such delicate items are individually wrapped before being packed into special china cartons.

Clothes

Clothes are hung in specially railed wardrobe cartons.



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Books

Books will be flat -packed into sturdy book cartons.

White goods and appliances

We will wrap your white goods in specially designed padded appliance covers to protect them during the move.

Sofas

Sofas, large chairs and mattresses all have their own specially designed covers to protect these items from tearing, marks and dents.

Crates

For those items you have singled out for extra care, we can make wooden crates to add an extra layer of protection.

Special cartons

Pickfords has developed a range of cartons to cater for all your individual needs. We have cartons to protect your wine collection, bicycles, golf clubs, pictures and lampshades.

Unpacking at your new home

Our unpacking service consists of unpacking and unwrapping your belongings on to flat surfaces and the disposal of all packing materials. Our crews will work under your direction, so it is advisable to have a plan in mind on delivery day.

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