



Britannia Bradshaw

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Thank you for choosing Britannia Bradshaw for your removal. We want to help you have the best move possible.

Self Packing Tips

Hazardous Materials

Our insurance doesn't allow us to carry the following items:

- Hazardous materials
- Liquids
- Paints



They should be secured in plastic containers, and you'll need to determine how you'll move them to your new home.

Start Early!

Start early and pack non day-to-day items and continue to do so until you have exchanged contracts for your new house. Once you have a completion date you can go full steam ahead with the packing. As you have chosen to pack for your move yourself, it is very important that all of your goods are packed in advance of our guys arriving.

Preparation

- Begin to clear out each room and remove all unwanted items -moving is a great time to have a clear out and lose some of those unwanted items!

Our top tips

- Don't overfill boxes - especially large boxes! Not only will you find them hard to move later on, our guys will too. **Please ensure you can comfortably pick up all boxes yourself - remember, our removals men are only human, so if you can lift them, we can too!**
- The heavier the item, the smaller the box. This rule of thumb should help you and our crew on removals day.
- Be methodical - go room by room in an orderly manner as you pack.
- Always label the box with its contents! You should assign a room in your new home to each box. This will make life easier for you as you unpack, and for us to ensure all of your boxes go into the correct rooms.



Fragile items

- Use plenty of packing paper. Don't let your valuables and fragile items be broken for the sake of saving some paper. Remember, our insurance doesn't cover owner-packed goods.
- Provide plenty of packing for boxes with breakables in them. You can use packing paper to stuff the sides and bottom of the box and cushions or pillows inside the box.

- Wrap crockery individually in packing paper. Layer the bottom of your box with a thick padding of scrunched up paper. Stack plates on their sides to avoid breakages. Before closing the box, put another layer of scrunched up paper at the top and tape the box shut. Mark the box *CHINA AND GLASS - FRAGILE*

Dismantling of items

- If items need dismantling, do it in good time before removals day
- Keep all the screws, nuts and bolts together in a plastic bag, which should be kept in a bits box

Appliances

- Freezers, washing machines, tumble dryers, cookers, dishwashers, and refrigerators will need draining / disconnecting the day before you move

Linen and bedding

- Put linen and bedding into larger boxes; they are generally not heavy

Books

- Books should be packed in small boxes, as they are generally heavy



Wardrobes and clothing

- Our crew will bring along wardrobe cartons for your hanging clothes on the day of the move
- Pack all other clothing before moving day. Many people fill their suitcases with clothes to be moved, in addition to using boxes.

Electronic and computer equipment

- Keep them well protected with white packing paper and be sure to keep the leads and remotes together with each device.
- If you have the original packaging for electronic and computer equipment, use these to pack for transport.

Lamp shades

- Once removed from their fittings, they should be packed as you would other breakables.

Open first!

- Prepare an open first box for arrival at your new home. You'll have trouble finding the things you'll need for your first day and night in your new home if they're scattered throughout different boxes.
- Move your open first box yourself, if possible, and be sure to inform the removals crew that the box is not to be loaded into the van.

Important documents and keys

- Keep important documents and keys together - emptying half a removal van to find that vital piece of paper, passport or key isn't fun for anyone!
- If these documents are in a box, inform the removals crew that the box is not to be loaded into the van, or if it is going in the van, that it should be loaded last.

Questions?

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you've got any questions about packing, boxes, or your removal - we're glad to help!

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