

Hints and Tips for Domestic Moving

Listed below are a number of points for you to consider on the day of your move if everything is to run smoothly. Most of this you may already be aware of, but please, indulge us, the more we both can do to avoid problems, the better.

Parking

If you have yellow lines or parking bays outside your property, parking may be a problem. Parking dispensation will be required. We can arrange to suspend permit or pay and display parking directly with Edinburgh City Council. Any costs involved shall clearly be set out in your quotation and be added to your final invoice. We do not charge any administration costs for this service and only pass on the council charges.

Books and Records

These are deceptively heavy, so please make use of the smaller boxes or, alternatively, half fill the cartons with lighter items on top and avoid putting too many items into a box. Clearly label all boxes with their contents and the room from which they came.

Chests of Drawers

These can be left filled with linen and clothes as long as they are not too heavy. Fragile or valuable items should be packed separately and drawers in divan beds should also be emptied.

Clothes Wardrobes

Boxes can be provided on the day for the contents of your wardrobes, but please make sure that all hangers are packed the same way round as this makes re-hanging easier. All other small effects from wardrobes should be packed separately. Please ensure that items are clear of dirt or food residues as this promotes mould.

Lamp Shades

These should be packed separately into boxes.

Plants

Pack only 5 or 6 smaller plants into a box ensuring that some packing material is placed between the pots to prevent them from toppling over. Seal the box with the flaps up to give extra protection and to allow the plants to breath. You should advise us of any larger plants that require special treatment and leave their packing to us. It should be noted that, whilst we will take every care of your plants they are not covered by insurance.

Refrigerators and Freezers

These should be emptied and defrosted prior to removal.

Cookers

Gas and Electric cookers can be disconnected by the householder but, if in doubt, seek professional advice. Clean off all grease, particularly from the exterior of all appliances, as this can lead to a nasty accident. Remove any loose fittings from the cooker and pack separately. The glass base plate from your microwave oven should also be removed and packed separately.

Washing Machines

These should be disconnected and any contents removed. We have moved thousands of machines without their locking bars being fitted without problem. We are, however, not liable for any damage caused if bar is not fitted.

Access to premises

To ensure a speedy removal and delivery of your goods, both the premises which you are vacating and the one to which we are delivering, have good access for our vehicles. It should be noted that if we have quoted for delivery to an address with good access and this is not the case, your quoted price may be subject to adjustment.

It is also important that someone is available at the destination to advise the crew as to where to unload the consignment. Within reason, your furniture will be placed where you require it to be situated. Labelling of boxes makes the distributing task easier. It is a good idea to have a room set aside for boxes that will not be unpacked immediately. This will minimise clutter.

Children

Children are always excited about moving and will want to help. Loading a removals van can however be hazardous. We would therefore ask that they be supervised and kept at a safe distance from the van and the crew whilst they are removing heavy items.

Final Checks

Before leaving, make sure everything has been loaded - check all rooms, particularly fitted wardrobes, lofts, airing cupboards, garages and sheds. It is the customer's responsibility to ensure all goods have been removed and only when you are satisfied should you let our vehicle and crew leave.

The Crew

All our crew are helpful, courteous and professional porters with considerable experience and they are ultimately responsible for the safe delivery of your goods. It is heavy work, requiring lots of physical effort... so the odd cup of tea would be welcomed.

REMOVAL CHECKLIST

To be notified of new address

Employer
Bank
Building Society
Credit Card Company
Life & Health Insurance Companies
House & Contents Insurance Companies
Car Insurance Companies
Pension Companies
Church
Club/Social Organisations
Dentist
Doctor
Chiropodist
School, College, University
Magazine Subscriptions
Charity Subscriptions
Friends

Arrange Or Telephone Final Readings For

Electricity
Gas
Water

Arrange To Transfer Or Cancel

Telephone
Paper/Magazine Subscriptions
Satellite/Cable Subscriptions

Change Address On

Driving Licence