



Handy Packing Tips: For customers undertaking their own packing for storage!

First things first! Always use uniform boxes!

If you stick to having 2 different sizes of box (as opposed to 8 or 9), you are going to save space and money as they are far easier to stack on both our vehicles and in our storage units

Use the correct sized box

Boxes need to be lifted – either by yourselves or our team, if you fill a large box with books, the likelihood is it will break, or be too heavy for anyone to lift! Generally, use your larger boxes for lighter items (duvets, large kitchenware, soft furnishings etc), and try to pack heavier items including books into smaller boxes

Everything that can be packed into a box – pack into a box!

If you are packing up your property in preparation for storage (or shipping – which we do as well!), it is a good idea to pack everything you possibly can into boxes. This does sound obvious, but you would be amazed at the little things that get forgotten – lampshades, DVD players, bits in the cupboards under the stairs! If it is small enough to fit in a box, box it. This will simplify your move into Mango Storage, allowing us to stack everything efficiently. This also allows you the time to properly protect the items whilst you pack them

Seal every single box thoroughly with tape

Every box should be sealed at the top and bottom with parcel tape along the central length of the box, and along the sides for added strength. Please do not criss-cross the flaps over each other, this actually weakens the box and encourages it to collapse. Fold each set of flaps in against its opposing flap and tape away!

Do not load boxes over the flaps

An overloaded box won't close, and cannot be stacked. Without a flat surface to stack on, damage is more likely

Label every box

This may not seem important now, but when it comes to getting your goods back in 6 months, 2 years, 5 years... if you haven't labelled them accurately with the contents summarised and the room you would like them to go back into, you are going to really wish you had when we deliver everything back! Also, it's really important to highlight which boxes contain ***FRAGILE*** items, so our storage team know not to stack heavy items on top of these. Label the sides too, as if you do need to collect anything in the interim, you will spot it immediately without having to unpack the entire storage unit

Use the original box if you can

Where possible, if you still have the box your TV, DVD player, flat pack wardrobe came in, we always recommend you use it. These will often come with good protection for the items inside, including polystyrene or bubble wrap. If you haven't kept hold of these, don't worry – our team will be more than happy to assist with packing, and provide materials if required

Finally – a few definite no-no's! Please DO NOT do any of the following :

Pack any tins of paint. We are not insured for any damage caused by paint spillage

Use fruit boxes – they have little to no support whatsoever for your goods and are tricky to stack

Use wine boxes for anything other than wine

Use random, miscellaneous boxes of different sizes from supermarkets

Use boxes that are worn or damp

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