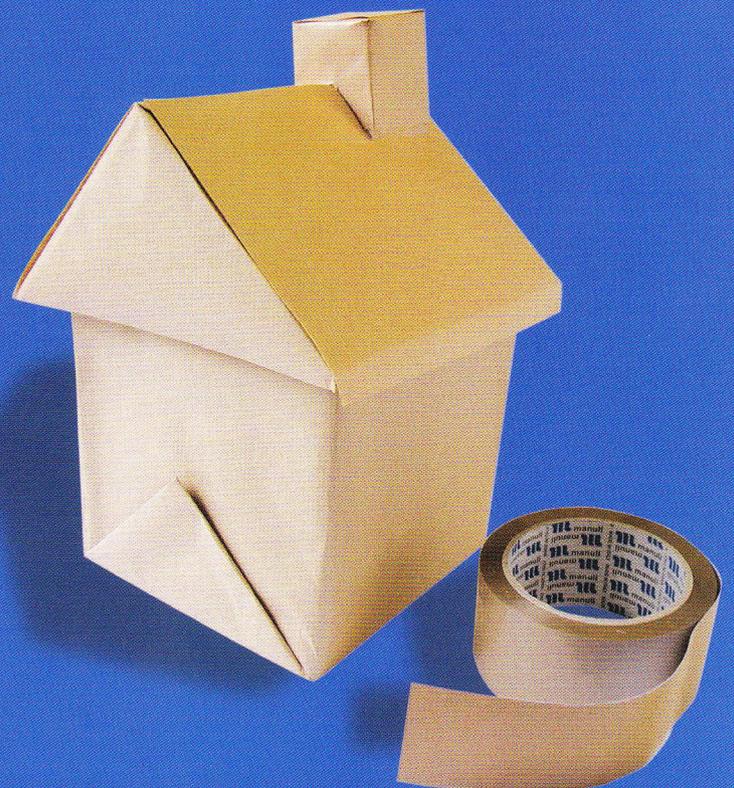




Packing and Unpacking? We've got it covered





Apart from the move itself, packing and unpacking are the most time consuming and labour intensive stages of the moving process, whether you or your mover is doing it!

When you choose a **BAR** member for your move they will tailor the specification to your own requirements and budget.

This may involve carrying out a full packing service; a partial service where only breakable items like china and glass are packed, or you may wish to carry out all of the packing yourself.



Packing

Think hard about your packing requirements before you obtain quotes. Assess the possessions you want to take with you and the items that you no longer require and make arrangements to dispose of them. If you decide that you have enough time to carry out the packing yourself, make a start as early as you can. If, however, you decide to leave all or most of the task to the mover, make sure they know exactly what is to be packed so that the quotation will be accurate and the appropriate materials will be made available on the day.

Independent research shows that 40% of people who had moved in the previous six months would assign the task of packing to a professional remover should they move again.

It may seem like a simple process but BAR recommends that you leave the packing of the bulk of your belongings to your mover for the following reasons:

- BAR member personnel have the skills, experience and materials to do the packing quickly and efficiently.
- BAR members (and/or their insurers) will generally accept liability for professionally packed effects, but not 'owner-packed' items.
- It leaves you time and energy to concentrate on other parts of the move.
- It gives you peace of mind.

Should you decide to do some or all of the packing yourself, the following list gives you an idea of materials that you may need. Contact your BAR mover for further details and availability:

- Flat-fold Packing Cartons
- Book Boxes
- Hanging Boxes for Clothes
- Clean Packing Paper
- Sealing Tape
- FRAGILE Printed Tape
- Labels
- Bubble Wrap
- Lay-flat Linen Cartons
- Mattress Bags
- Polystyrene Chips

Remember to clearly label each of the boxes that you have packed showing the contents and the location within your new home. This will help your mover to handle items more efficiently, and to ensure that you are settled in your new home as quickly as possible.

Finally, make sure that you segregate valuable items and important documents which you wish to keep in your possession on moving day. Clearly label them so that they are not taken away by the moving crew.

Unpacking

The majority of BAR members will offer an unpacking service to complete your move. If required, your remover can offer this facility giving the same care and attention that you received during the packing and moving phase. Following receipt of your detailed instructions, trained staff can easily remove and relocate your possessions within your new home which allows you more time to deal with amenities and other important details. The last job is to remove all used and unused packing materials leaving you to begin your new life!

And remember, all BAR members (and/or their insurers) will generally also accept liability for professionally unpacked effects.

If you're moving, look for the badge

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