

## How to load a shipping container

You may find this information useful when loading your container.

- Inspect the container carefully before loading anything inside. Be sure there are no holes in the container before you allow the driver to leave.
- Start with the large and heavy items like appliances and load them on the floor against the front wall of the container.
- Continue loading heavier items on the floor and towards the front of the container, placing lighter items on the top.
- Place mattress along the sides of the container but keep one to load at the rear of the container in front of the doors.
- Pack the items tightly so nothing moves. Work your way along in tiers loading from bottom to top. Look at the spaces in the tier and then look for an item to fill that space. Sometimes you can use an empty box, pillows, blankets, or even soft toys to fill in the gaps.
- Packing and loading the container well is the key to getting your shipping in good shape the other end
- Put a box of things you will need at destination at the back so you get it first off when unloading. Things in this box may include a few toys for the kids, a knife to help you unpack, tea bags, coffee mugs, glasses, a radio, cleaning material and gloves.
- Boxes are easy to carry and easy to stack; pack as many items as you can into boxes. Try to use newer boxes; reused cartons are more likely to collapse during shipping.
- When in doubt, put another layer of packing material around your items, better safe than sorry!
- You might find it helpful to write the contents on the outside of each carton. When you reach your destination you will know where each carton goes
- Use blankets, bubble wraps and cardboard to protect items from rubbing against each other. Blankets, bubble wrap and cardboard can also be used to fill in any empty spaces. It is important that everything fits in snug and tight so that nothing shifts during the transit.