

## 5 Uses for Cardboard Boxes

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Have you ever thought about the uses of [cardboard boxes](#) ? They're very handy things to have around. You can send things in the mail inside them, use them for moving house, store books in them, stow away food in them, and even give them to a child or pet to play with. Read on to find out some of the many uses of cardboard boxes.

### **Sending Products in the Mail**

One of the prime uses of cardboard boxes is for sending products in the mail. It's vital that products arrive in one piece and are adequately sheltered from bumps in the delivery process, whether they're going via post or courier. Along with other packaging materials such as bubble wrap, foam peanuts and brown paper, cardboard boxes are an essential part of any company's mailing department. Ensuring that a product gets delivered in excellent condition goes a long way towards generating positive word of mouth for that business. These days, with reviews being posted online at warp speed, keeping these details in mind could very well mean the difference between success and failure for a business.

### **For Moving House**

When you're moving house, one of the first things you gather is cardboard boxes. They can be used to contain just about any household item, making awkward items easy to carry with their regular dimensions. Cardboard boxes also provide some cushioning and structure to items that need to be treated with care. They can equally hold a record player or a group of household plants. Make sure that you have plenty of boxes before you begin packing up your life to move to a new place.

### **Storing Books**

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It doesn't matter whether you're a professional bookseller or a keen reader – sometimes bookshelves do not provide enough room for all your books and you need to turn to cardboard boxes. Cardboard boxes are ideal for storing books, as they're all square or rectangular shaped, which mimics the similar dimensions of books. You can also store certain types or genres of books in different cardboard boxes to help sort your collection. Putting some of your books into longer term storage within boxes gives you more room to move and to make use of the books on your bookshelf. You can even rotate which books are in the cardboard boxes and which are on your shelves.

### Packing Away Food Items

If you like to buy long life food on special, you may end up with more cans or sacks of food than can fit in your pantry easily. Cardboard boxes make storage of food items easy because usually these products were originally shipped to their destination in cardboard boxes. For example, tinned goods easily stack into cardboard boxes, while packets of rice can be layered one on top of another. Boxes made from cardboard offer an easy, convenient and affordable storage solution for packing away food items.

### Play Things for Pets or Children

Whether your babies are human or of the fur variety, you can't go wrong with cardboard boxes as a play thing. Often parents have been surprised and somewhat frustrated when a child takes a toy out of a box and proceeds to play with the cardboard box instead of the toy. Small animals such as rabbits, cats and dogs similarly enjoy playing with [cardboard boxes](#) as places to hide and shelter.