

Your Moving Guide

To help you love your new home

2 months prior to moving

- Get quotes for removalists
- Organise any repairs to the property that need to happen.
- Keep paperwork in order. Don't pack essential items.
- Book hard rubbish collection.
- Begin eating through the food in your freezer and pantry.
- Spend time researching the new area, finding shops, doctors, hospitals, playgrounds, schools, public transport, etc.
- Take stock of your belongings. Begin selling or donating items you know you will not need at the new house.
- If you need new furniture, order it now and try to have it delivered to your new property

1 month prior to moving

- Finalise your plans for the day of the move. Lock in details regarding the truck and removalists.
- Tell friends and family about your move, and what help you might need.
- Obtain packing boxes and start packing nonessential items. Aim for at least one box a day.
- Begin your moving essentials kit: packing tape, a Sharpie, a screwdriver, a set of allen keys, and a spanner.
- Book time off from work leading up to the move.
- If renting, give notice to the real estate agent. Make plans for things like steam cleaning or garden work.
- Look at large or expensive items and plan for their removal.
- Decide if you want to insure your items during the move.
- Begin the process of changing your address.

2 weeks prior to moving

- Confirm plans for the day of the move with the removalist, babysitters, pet-sitters and any others you need help from on the day.
- Make sure you know regulations about parking and traffic management.
- Organise utilities: water, gas, electricity, phone and internet.
- Decide if you are going to do the final clean, if not, organise for professionals to do it.
- Back up computers.
- Think about the floorplan of the new property and where you want your furniture to go.
- Take care of incidentals: return library books or other borrowed items, make sure you have funds available, have prescriptions filled for beyond the move.
- Continue packing items that are not essential.



Your Moving Guide (part 2)

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1 week prior to moving

- Collect the new keys and inspect the new property; complete the condition report.
- If there have been any changes to your moving plan, communicate this to your removalist or other helpers.
- Have a box set aside for important items like remote controls, keys or chargers.
- Pack a suitcase for each member of your household with clothing and other essentials for the few days before and after moving day.
- Finish packing. Use up the food in your fridge, freezer and pantry as possible.
- Methodically and purposely open every cupboard and drawer and check right to the back for items.
- Pack your remaining bathroom and kitchen items, but keep boxes open for access.
- Order a grocery delivery for the afternoon you move into your new place.

The day before moving

- Make sure your moving essentials kit has everything you need quick access to on the day of the move: first aid kit or medication, phone chargers, scissors, tape, tools, pen and paper, cleaning supplies.
- Final packing. Tape up any boxes that are still open.
- Plan to have dinner at a friends house, or have take away; pack away all your kitchen items.
- Have a quick, easy, mess-free breakfast ready for the next morning.
- Clean out your fridge and freezer.
- Prepare other large items and appliances.
- Disassemble beds and sleep on mattresses

The day of the move

- Be up early, be dressed and fed before removalists and helpers arrive.

- When people arrive, give clear instructions.
- Identify fragile and precious items or consider handling them yourself.
- Have one person at the new house before the removalists and truck arrive.
- Before you leave the house make sure it is secure.



After the move and at the new house

- Make sure removalists and helpers know where you want them to put items.
- Begin by assembling beds, then move to the kitchen and then the bathroom.
- Ensure utilities are on.
- If your fridge has been turned, make sure you leave it upright for 3 hours before turning it on.
- Ensure you have completed all items on the real estate agent's vacating checklist.
- Return all house keys to the agent.

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