

Top Moving Tips

Now that you know your moving date, it's time to get organized!

Print off a copy of this list, and cross off each item as you complete it.

4 Weeks Before Moving

- Organise the connection of Phone, Gas, Electricity, Internet, and Pay TV.
- Settle any outstanding accounts and bills.
- Create an inventory of items to move. Separate items into categories or rooms.
- If you're moving to a new town, do some research! Find out where the nearest supermarkets doctors office, hospital and petrol stations are. Check out local schools and day-care if applicable.
- Give your landlord formal notification of your moving date, and arrange for a property inspection so that you can recover your bond.
- Ensure that your Insurance covers your belongings during the move, and in your new home.

3 Weeks Before Moving

- You can start packing the things you rarely use.
- Consider holding a garage sale, or giving unwanted items to charity.
- Disassemble anything you won't need until the move (swing sets, desks, or furniture)
- If necessary, arrange for new bank accounts or post office boxes.
- If you own a pet, visit your vet and get your records & medical history.
- Plan your travel route for the move – gas stops, overnight accommodation, etc.
- Plan to have sufficient cash on hand to cover the move.
- Arrange for temporary or permanent storage space if necessary.
- Make arrangements to hire a ute, truck or trailer if necessary.
- Have your car serviced, along with your lawn mower and other mechanical things. Consider draining the oil to avoid leakage while in transit.

Please Note: Certain items are classified as Dangerous Goods, and cannot be stored or transported: Ammunition, Canned paint, Linseed oil, Bleach products, Gas cylinders (unless emptied), turpentine, kerosene, petrol, cleaning fluids, aerosols of any kind, vegetable oil, and chemical sets.

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2 Weeks Before Moving

- Return any videos, DVDs, and library books you may have checked out.
- If you or your family require medication or have special needs, be sure that you are prepared for the move (before, during and after).
- Hold a garage sale if applicable.
- Create an inventory list for each box, and attach it as you pack. This way you'll know what's in every box, without having to tear them all open.

Final Week Before Moving

- Make plans for your final night at your old home – how will you say goodbye?
- Collect any spare keys and give them to your real estate agent or landlord.
- Notify your friends, family, and business contacts of your new address.
- Plan to use any remaining food in your refrigerator. Make sure you have meals planned for moving day, and a day or two after the move.
- Defrost and clean refrigerator.
- Clear & clean under sinks, oven, etc.
- Pack your personal luggage last.

Moving Day

- Place your suitcases & essential items in one place, so they are not loaded into the truck. Ensure any medical essentials travel with you.
- Check in all cupboards before you leave. Check under any remaining furniture.
- Perform a final walk-around check, where you inspect each room.
- Tighten all taps, lock all doors and windows.
- Double check that phone has been disconnected, and read your electricity, gas and water meters. Turn off power at the mains.
- Drop off keys at landlords, and make sure you don't drive off with the electric garage door opener!