

A HANDY GUIDE TO MOVING HOUSE

As your move approaches there are many items to attend to. An organised approach is essential, and the following may be of assistance in minimising the stress & inconvenience involved in moving house.

PREPARATION

Select a removalist well in advance. Obtain 2-3 detailed quotes & ensure you include insurance and compare like with like

Email, mail or message your friends - it's a good way of letting people know your change of address

Advise telephone, gas, electricity, water and all other service providers. Arrange final readings and any connections required at your new address. You may choose to use our complimentary connection service Direct Connect on 1300 664 715 or www.directconnect.com.au

Advise Australia Post and have your mail re-directed to your new address

Advise Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) for your registration/licence on 13 22 13 or www.rms.nsw.gov.au

Advise banks, credit card institutions, insurance (car, home, life, boat) and finance companies

Advise solicitors, accountants, stockbrokers and superannuation firms

Advise Australian Electoral Commission. You will need to re-enrol at your new address www.aec.gov.au

Check the local council area you will be moving to and check garbage collection days

Advise Doctors and Dentists. Establish the nearest medical centre to your new home

Advise schools where required

Advise any subscriptions (journals, magazines etc)

Advise your local library and don't forget to return any overdue books

Advise clubs or close memberships where not required e.g. video, gym, sports clubs etc

Why pay to move items you no longer want? Start afresh. Garage sale, eBay, Gumtree, Trading Post

If you plan to do some or all of your own packing start well before your move date. Start with seldom used articles. Identify each box carefully and nominate which room it should be placed in

Prepare an inventory of everything and carry it with you on moving day

LAST WEEK BEFORE THE MOVE

Cancel all delivery services, such as the daily newspaper

Tidy the garden, cut the lawns and remove any rubbish. It is wise to empty fuel from lawn mowers, lamps and fuel heaters and empty any gas bottles as they could explode in transit

Collect/return anything outstanding e.g. dry cleaning and anything that has been in for repair

Confirm arrival date and time with selected removalist. Ensure you have a mobile contact number

Arrange a permit for 'on-street' parking at new address (as required)

Defrost the fridge the night before your move

If you have purchased a new home arrange for a pre-settlement inspection of your new property with the selling agent. Confirm all inclusions, keys and vacant possession. This is usually best done on the morning of settlement day

Don't forget to say goodbye to your old neighbours

MOVING DAY

Keep valuable documents and keys handy

Ensure everything is turned off including main power switch on circuit board

Ensure all doors, windows and any access points are locked securely

Supervise placement of furniture and cartons

Check the telephone, electricity, gas, water, pay TV & any other services are connected in your new home

Arrange for children and pets to stay with friends or relatives on the day. Moving is stressful enough without too many interruptions

Do a final and thorough visual inspection before you leave to be sure nothing has been forgotten.

Look through cupboards and check backs of doors, garden sheds, garages, attic storage areas, and anywhere else you can think of!

Make the beds first in your new home, that way you can at least sleep in your new home and continue to unpack boxes the next day!

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