

Moving Checklist

Before the Move

- Pick a removalist. Get 2 or 3 quotes and ensure you discuss insurance.
- Have a supply of notification cards. It's the best way of informing people about your change of address.
- If renting, advise the owner or managing agent, giving the required amount of notice in writing.
- Advise gas, electricity & water providers. Arrange final readings, the disconnection of each and then arrange for reconnections at the new address.
- Advise Australia Post and have your mail redirected to your new address
- Advise telephone provider for disconnection and reconnection of phone services at your new home.
- Advise your road authority for your registration/licence.
- Advise banks, credit card institutions, credit unions and finance companies.
- Advise insurance companies (house, contents, car, life).
- Advise the Australian Electrol Commission.
- Establish which local council area you'll be moving into and they'll be able to inform you which day the garbage is collected in your area.
- Advise doctors and dentists. Establish the nearest medical centre to your property.
- Advise any publications (journals, magazines, etc) of your change of postal address.
- Advise your local library and don't forget to return any overdue books.
- Close or transfer club memberships, eg. video, gym, sports clubs, etc.
- Why pay to move items you no longer want? Arrange a garage sale.
- If you plan to do some or all of your own packing start well before your moving date. Start with seldom used articles. Make sure you label each box carefully & nominate which room it should be placed in.

Last Week Before the Move

- Cancel all delivery services, e.g. the newspaper
- Tidy the garden, cut the lawns and removes any rubbish.
- It's wise to empty fuel from lawn mowers, lamps and fuel heaters. Also, empty any gas bottles - they've been known to explode in removalist trucks.
- Collect/return anything outstanding, e.g. dry cleaning, or anything that's been in for repair.
- Confirm arrival time with removalist.
- Arrange a permit for on-street parking (if required).
- Defrost the fridge the night before your move.
- Don't forget to say goodbye to your neighbours.
- Organise to have the carpet cleaned before your move.

Moving Day

- Keep valuable documents and keys handy.
- Make a final inspection to be sure nothing has been forgotten.
- Look through closets, garden sheds and the garage.
- Ensure everything is turned off and locked.
- Supervise placement of furniture and cartons.
- Check the telephone, electricity and gas are all 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.

A Moving Guide for Parents

- Discuss the upcoming move with your children.
- Talk to them about where you're moving to. Show them pictures or take them to look at the new home if you can.
- Allocate tasks to all family members to get them involved in the move.
- Label your children's belongings so you can find them easily when you arrive at your new home.
- Take photos of your old house so your children can remember their time there.