

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 28 days 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 solicitors, stockbrokers and superannuation firms.
- Advise the Australian Electoral 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? Start having 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 and nominate which room it should be placed in.

last week before the move...

- Cancel all delivery services, eg. the newspaper.
- Tidy the garden, cut the lawns and remove 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, eg. 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 you 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.