



Moving home checklist

A step-by-step guide for when you're on the move.

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6–8 weeks before moving

- If possible, arrange time off work for moving day.
- Decide how you will move (e.g. truck rental or leveraging friends' help).
- Plan how you will move vehicles, plants, pets and valuables.
- If you are hiring removalists, get estimates from different movers to help compare prices.
- Create a folder to keep a record of everything related to your move (e.g. quotes, booking forms, receipts).
- Redirect your mail.
- Plan and schedule any repairs you will be making.
- Design and plan your new space. This will help you pack and label boxes accordingly.
- Acquire packing materials:
 - Boxes
 - Labels
 - Newspapers/
bubble wrap
 - Tape/tape
dispenser
 - Markers
- Research storage facilities, if needed.
- Return borrowed or rented items.
- Hold a garage sale, donate or dispose of unnecessary items.
- If needed, contact your local council to arrange a rubbish pick-up.

2–4 weeks before moving

- Finalise moving transportation and make necessary arrangements.
- Schedule disconnection/connection of utilities at old and new home:
 - Landline
 - Gas
 - Water
 - TV services
 - Internet
 - Electricity
- Discontinue any delivery services and local memberships.
- Change your contact details with your service providers (e.g. bank, licence, insurance).
- If you have a pet, change/update its registration with your council.
- Organise contents insurance for your new home if you don't already have it.
- Create an inventory list of items (furniture, boxes, etc.) to use as a checklist on moving day.
- Begin packing non-essential items.
- Identify valuable items to transfer separately – label as FRAGILE.
- Contact a cleaning service, if you are using one, and book them to clean the house once you have moved out.

1–2 weeks before moving

- Continue packing and cleaning as you go.
- Call and confirm all details with the moving company if you are using one.
- Try to use up perishable food.
- Make a schedule or action plan for the day of the move.
- Plan when/how to pick up the truck or trailer (if rented).
- Defrost the freezer and clean the fridge.
- Discard any hazardous or flammable substances that may prove dangerous during the moving process (e.g. drain fuel from lawn mower, disconnect gas bottles).
- Make sure you have essential tools on hand (e.g. scissors, tape, pens).
- Set aside the boxes/items you will move yourself.
- Create an 'Essential Items' box to keep with you on the day of your move and the first couple of days of moving so you don't have to search through all the boxes.



Additional tips if you're renting:

1. Formally notify your landlord or property manager of the date you're vacating the premises.
2. When moving out of a rental property, you may need to show evidence you have had an 'end-of-lease clean', which includes steam cleaning any carpets.
3. Arrange for a property inspection to claim back your bond.

Moving day

At your old home

- Remove bedding and disassemble beds (pack bedding in your 'Essential Items' box).
- Take movers/helpers through the house to show them what to do.
- Check off all furniture and boxes against your inventory list as they go into the moving truck.
- Complete one last check of the old property to ensure nothing has been left behind. Look behind doors and in cupboards.
- Make sure the movers have the correct new address and you have their mobile number to contact them if there is any confusion.
- Carry all important or valuable items with you (e.g. passports, cash, important documents, jewellery).
- Lock the windows, doors and turn off the lights.

At your new home

- Verify utilities are working:
 - Heating/cooling
 - Gas
 - Internet
 - Electricity
 - Water
- Show movers/helpers where to put things, so your boxes are in the right rooms.
- Assemble and make up beds.
- Begin unpacking – the kitchen and bathroom can be good places to start.



Change of address checklist

Company/Item	Account #	Contact #	Reference #	Done date
Home insurance				
Building insurance				
Car insurance				
Life insurance				
Bank 1				
Bank 2				
Bank 3				
Rental/hire purchase				
Employer – payroll				
Driver licence				
Subscriptions				
Medicare				
Local council				
Pet registration				
Other				
Services				
Delivery apps				
Mobile phone				
Internet				
Cable/NBN				
Gas				
Electricity				
Electoral roll				
Rubbish collection				
Mail redirection				
Other				



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