

FACT SHEET

Checklist for Moving

When moving house, planning and getting the help you need make all the difference.

So here's a checklist to help make your move a smooth one.

4 - 6 Weeks Before The Move

Who's going to move you? Professionals or family and friends?

If it's Furniture Removalists, book them in asap.

If it's not, think about what sort of truck you need, and whether your team is capable of moving the big or difficult pieces you have, particularly if it's multi-story.

Re-Direct Your Mail

Make arrangements to have your mail redirected from the date you move, advising friends and the organisations you deal with your up-coming change of address.

Australia Post can help you with this.

Packing

Before you even start to pack, have a good clear out.

Keep a list of what's been packed and mark your boxes well.

Set aside the box containing all your important papers and valuables, so that it goes with you and not in the van.

Importantly make a list of things you'll need the day before and on moving day, so you don't pack them by accident.

Other Things to Remember

Start to use up the food in your freezer.

And if you have some very valuable items, check your insurance policy to see if it covers the move.

2 Weeks Before The Move

As the big day gets closer, it's time to organise utilities and services which means book the disconnection and reconnection of your electricity, gas, telephone, pay tv and water. Most of this you should be able to do on-line.

Then there are the local services like the newspapers and don't forget about library books, dvd rentals and dry cleaning.

Ideally by 2 weeks before, you should have most of the non-essentials packed up.

Cleaning

Leave your old home clean and tidy. If it's in the budget and you're pushed for time, book professional cleaners to come in as soon as the removalists have everything out of the home.

If you're renting, arrange for carpet cleaners as you want to be sure you get your bond back.



The Day Before

On the day before, confirm the key collection arrangements for both moving in and moving out.

Pack a small box of things you'll need for that first day and night in your new home such as toiletries, medicines, towels, a change of clothes, your pajamas and don't forget the toilet paper.

Pack another box of essentials for the kitchen, just to get you started.

Do a final check of the storage areas, you'd be surprised what people leave behind!

Moving Day

The big day has come and it will be big, so get an early start.

Check off all your furniture and cartons, as they go into the truck.

Turn off the electricity at the meter.

And check that all the doors and windows are securely locked.

As you leave the old place, take a photo, reach for a tissue, then smile! You're off to your beautiful new home.