



Tips and tricks for moving house

Moving house can be a very challenging time! In the weeks prior to your move:

- ❖ Start packing up the items that aren't being frequently used.
- ❖ If there are items you won't need straight away at the new house, arrange off-site storage. This will reduce what you have to shift on moving day.
- ❖ Book a removalist company as soon as you know the date of your move, in case they get booked out during busy times. Check if weekdays are cheaper than weekends.
- ❖ Arrange disconnection of your electricity and connection at your new house.

It's also a good time to gather up the items you'll need for packing, such as:

- ✓ Sturdy cardboard boxes. You might be able to find second hand boxes in good condition for sale on Facebook or Gumtree.
- ✓ Packing tape.
- ✓ Permanent marker and pen for labelling boxes.



When packing:

- As well as labelling and numbering individual boxes, keep a separate list of what was packed into the boxes, for easy referral.
- Use tablecloths, towels and clothes to wrap around breakable items.
- Use pillows and cushions for padding of breakable items in the boxes.
- Remember where cables go. Keep cables for equipment with the device or appliance it belongs to – make a note of how they are to be connected, or take photos of the cables before disconnecting them.
- Disassemble as much of your furniture as you can beforehand, to save the removalists time and extra costs.
- Put together the items that you will need when you first arrive at your new house, such as toiletries, towels, pajamas and a change of clothes for the next day. Also pack tea, coffee and breakfast supplies. Arrange a simple meal for dinner on moving day, or treat yourself to takeaway!
- Have sheets handy so the beds can be made up as one of the first jobs. Then when you are tired of unpacking at the end of the day, your bed is ready!
- On arrival at the property, check for childrens' safety risks, such as garden hazards and pool safety.



Good luck with your move!

