

The Ultimate Moving House Checklist

Don't get caught up in the stress of moving home. Instead plan ahead with our handy checklist to ensure a simple and smooth process when you next move house.

One month before moving

- Find a removalist:** Book professional removalists early to secure your ideal moving day
- Arrange special transport:** Consider extra vehicles and pets to be moved
- Repairs & maintenance:** Book a handyperson to take care of your outgoing house clean up
- Organise paperwork:** Group expenses and other documents together so you don't lose them in the move
- Book secure storage:** If you need secure storage for household items, get it sorted early
- Internet:** Contact your internet provider to notify them of the new address and arrange for installation at the new house
- Declutter items:** Clear out old clothes and unwanted household items. A good idea is to donate them to charity
- Create an inventory:** Take stock of all moving items, noting fragile items and heavy furniture
- Start packing:** Secure packing takes time, so start early with items you won't use between now and moving day



One week before moving

- Final inspection:** If you've purchased a new property, inspect it 24-48 hours before settlement
- Notify utilities:** Cancel electricity, gas, water and others. Book new services
- Mail redirection:** Make sure to redirect your mail accordingly
- Organise essentials:** Ready yourself for moving day by setting essentials aside; these are items you will need on hand during the move and immediately after. (Don't forget to keep your kettle, cups and tea/coffee!)
- Finish packing:** Ensure packing is completed days before the big day
- Confirm removalist & storage:** If you are moving interstate, this is particularly important. Double check dates and pay invoices
- Create a floor plan:** This helps removalists place furniture in your new property
- Organise cleaning:** Plan the cleaning of your old house. Don't try to finish this on moving day unless you can definitely get it done



One day before moving

- Last minute tasks:** Tidy up, go over your inventory and confirm moving services if you haven't already
- Consider your pets:** A good idea may be to drop them off at a friend's home so they are safe and out of the way on moving day

Moving day

- Brief removalists:** Give them a tour of your home, including furniture and fragile items, and provide them with your floor plan
- Direct removalists & tick off inventory:** Go through your belongings as they are loaded on the truck
- Carry important items:** Valuables like jewellery, laptops, and incidentals should be moved with you
- Secure house:** Go through to make sure everything is packed and the house is left clean (or you have plans to clean later)
- Return keys:** Give keys and any access passes back to the landlord or property manager if necessary
- Check condition of items:** At the new home, before sending off the removalists, check the condition and review inventory
- Essentials first:** Put beds together, and arrange kitchen and living areas as a priority
- Utilities setup:** Ensure the gas, water, electricity and Internet are set up