



# Tips when moving home

Below are a couple of tips for moving home in the hope it's not a stressful event for you!



## A month out from your move

- Declutter.** This is a great opportunity have a good 'clean out'. Put items into piles a) to keep; b) to donate; and c) throw it away. **There are a number of local charities who would be appreciative of quality goods.**
- Talk to your insurance company about insuring your goods while in transit/in storage.

## A couple of weeks out from your move

- Try packing cupboard by cupboard in the evening – it saves stress near to your moving date.
- Does your home need a clean on the day of moving? If you're not up to, professional cleaners can help. Research online and book them.
- Try not to do a 'big' shop just before moving, as it means you'll have to pack it!
- Let your service providers know that you've moving.
- If you're moving out of town, make sure you've transferred your children's day care/school records, also your pets vet's records and also your own doctor's/dentist's records
- Sort out the garden shed – that's always a biggie!
- Clearly mark all boxes with the name of where it is to be delivered once in your new home - i.e. Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, Dining, Kid's Bedroom etc - this makes life a little easier when unpacking the truck. Try not to 'mix' your boxes with a bit from here, and a bit from there - trust us, it makes life so much easier at the end.



## Who needs to know you're moving?

- Council - Rates or you're relocating a pet
- Daycare / Schools
- Dentists
- Doctors
- Electoral Register
- Health Insurance Company
- Inland Revenue Department
- Insurance Company
- Internet Provider
- Lawyers
- Leasing Companies
- Life Insurance Company
- Post office – so they can redirect your email
- Publications you have subscribed - fishing, women's magazines etc
- Regional Council
- Relatives – if you want them to know where you're going!
- Shops, if you hold any accounts
- Sky TV or other TV providers
- Telephone company (if you still use a landline)
- Vehicle Insurance Company
- Your Bank/s
- Your workplace (Health & Safety)

## One week before the big move

- Ensure all documentation has been confirmed
- Dismantle any large furniture that you're not using, ensuring that you bag all the nuts and bolts together and 'tape' to the underside of the furniture, making it easy to find later on
- Remove what fixtures and fittings you can from the walls
- If you have a large fridge/freezer, defrost that in preparation for the move. Even better, try to have cooked meals out of the freezer, making it easier to shift on the day!
- Place all 'valuable and important' documentation - i.e. insurance policies, passports into a box clearly marked 'important stuff' and pack that into your vehicle, not the removal truck.

## The day before 'the big move'

- Disconnect any electronic equipment that you're not using. If you have a lot of cords, it's best to name the cords i.e. stereo, SKY decoder, computer etc - so you know what appliance they belong to.
- Disconnect your washing machine and drain all water.
- Prepare a meal for the following day's dinner - trust us, you'll be exhausted and will appreciate that home cooked meal you prepared the day before! Even better, ask a friend to make dinner for you - legend. Also handy to have the kettle, cups, coffee jar and milk plus a packet of biscuits handy so they can be easily gotten to and used during the move.
- Put any chargers you may need into your vehicle - i.e. mobile and laptop - nothing more frustrating than running out of battery power and the daunting task of trying to find the right cord!
- Prepare a bag to take to the new home that includes: First aid kit (someone always needs a plaster), pen and paper, cash, torch, change of clothes, toiletries, any medicines required, plus your box/suitcase of important documents. Put this in your vehicle because you may need it urgently

## Have you disconnected?

 Gas <input type="radio"/>	 Water <input type="radio"/>
 Power <input type="radio"/>	 Internet <input type="radio"/>
 Telephone <input type="radio"/>	 Newspaper / Subscriptions <input type="radio"/>
 Television <input type="radio"/>	



## 'The Big Day'

- Make sure that you're up, dressed, had a hearty breakfast and you're waiting for the movers. This isn't the day for the alarm not to have gone off! Walk through your home with the movers, reconfirming your requirements, don't just assume they know what you want.
- Ensure that someone has taken all final meter readings: electricity, gas and water at your old home, but also at your new home on the day you arrive.
- Make sure that you've turned all taps off.
- If you have items that you don't want moved, remember to let your movers know, otherwise you may find they follow you to your new home!
- Do a final check before you movers leave the property - ensuring that everything has been picked up.
- Check that all doors and windows have been locked.
- Leave a note for the new owners - with your new contact details, including phone number.
- Leave the key with either the real estate agent, or new owner. Ensure all keys for ALL locks are provided to the new owner.

## Moving into your new home



- Ensure that all utilities (Gas, Power, Water) and phone lines are connected
- Check to ensure that the previous owner hasn't left the property damaged
- Check to ensure that all of your goods have been unloaded and are accounted for
- Unpack, and enjoy the pre-prepared dinner!