

The Smart Guide to...

moving house

Planning your move

- Make sure you plan as far ahead as possible.
- Remember that the removalists will be handling your valued and often irreplaceable possessions, so it is important to use a reputable firm.
- Consider insurance to cover your contents while they are being moved. Discuss this with the removal company as well as your insurance provider.
- Obtain a quote for moving and ask for a flat rate rather than an hourly rate. If there are any delays and you have an hourly rate it can become more expensive than you anticipated.

Packing and removal

- If you are packing yourself, start well in advance of the moving day and avoid the last minute panic.
- Defrost your fridge the day before moving.
- Go through the house with the removalists when they arrive, giving any special instructions you may have. Do the same when you arrive at your new place.
- When packing cartons, it is a good idea to mark the contents and which room they are to go into on the top and on the side for easy identification.
- It is not necessary to empty dresser drawers, but remove all fragile and heavy items and all liquids. Do not overload the drawers.
- You can use clean tea towels or tissue to pack breakable objects.
- Carry money, jewellery and valuable papers with you. Removalists will not accept responsibility for articles of extraordinary value.

Change of address

- Notify utility companies (gas, electricity, water and telephone) of when to discontinue services.
- Make arrangements in advance for all services to be connected at your new home.
- Notify people of your change of address, including bank, motor vehicle registration, post office and organisations of which you are a member.

Getting help

- www.movinghome.com.au

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