

YOUR MOVING GUIDE

Moving house can be a very stressful experience! To assist you in making the move as smooth as possible, we have developed this handy checklist of things you need to do.

PREPARATION STAGES Confirm the exact date of moving. Decide how you will handle the move. Will you use a Removal Company? Will you enlist the help of family and friends? How will you move the heavy/oversized or fragile items? Obtain several quotes from Removal Companies. Decide on the one that will best meet your needs. Discuss costs, insurance, packing, loading and delivery with each company. Advise friends and relatives of your move. Ask them if they would be willing to

assist you on the day.
$oxedsymbol{\square}$ Advise your children's school/daycare of the move. Decide on whether or not you
will need to move to a new school/daycare which is closer to your new home.
$oxedsymbol{\square}$ Have a thorough spring clean both inside and outside the house.
$oxedsymbol{oxed}$ Arrange a garage sale or charity pick up for personal and household items that you
do not want to take with you to your new home.
$oxedsymbol{\square}$ Make a list of any items that you will not be taking with you and you would like to try
and sell. Try advertising these items on the internet (e.g. EBAY) or sending a group
email around to your family and friends with pictures, descriptions and prices of the
goods for sale.
$oxedsymbol{\square}$ Make a stocklist of your freezer and pantry. Start to run down perishable foods so
you don't have to take a lot with you when you move.
Collect cardboard boxes for packing.
$oxedsymbol{\square}$ Take a look at your schedule over the next few weeks, and decide on the days and
times that you will be able to start packing your belongings. Plan what items you will
pack first and what items need to be left till last.
$oxedsymbol{\square}$ Make a list of all your valuable items and family heirlooms so that they do not get
lost or misplaced during the move.
$oxedsymbol{\square}$ Decide if you need to make any arrangements for your pets during the move.
☐ Other Requirements.

1 MONTH If you are currently living in a rental premise, advise your landlord that you will be moving out. TO GO Keep a record of all incoming mail, and start notifying the relevant organizations or persons of your new change of address. Alternatively, obtain a change of address kit from the Post Office. If you need it, arrange for storage during the move. Start collecting packing tape, bubble wrap, newspapers, permanent markers, nylon packing string and more boxes. Make arrangements to take time off work during the move (if required). Draw a floor plan of your new house. This will make it easier to decide on how you will arrange your furniture. Other Requirements.
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₹ WEEKS Start packing and labeling boxes (contents and room location)
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TO GO Gas/Heating/Electricity.
☐ Telephone.

Local Council.
☐ Post Office.
☐ Internet and Pay TV.
Contact Government Departments about your impending move
☐ Electoral Office.
☐ Tax Department.
☐ RTA.
Contact Health Departments about your impending move
Medicare.
☐ Doctor.
Dentist and other medical practitioners.
Health Insurance.
Contact any Financial Institutions about your impending move
☐ Banks/Credit Unions/Building Society.
☐ Insurance Companies.
Legal Representatives.
☐ Accountants.
☐ Credit Cards.
Contact any Clubs and Education Services about your impending move
Scouts, Ballet, Sporting Groups, Art Clubs etc.

	Gym Membership.
	☐ Schools/Day Care.
	Library.
	☐ Contact any Home Services about your impending move
	☐ Cleaning/Gardening Services.
	□ Newspaper Delivery.
	☐ Security Company.
	Rubbish Collection
	☐ Other
2 WEEKS	Remind your friends and relatives about helping you on your moving day.
	☐ If moving long distance check to see if your car needs servicing or if you need to
TO GO	arrange transport for pets.
	☐ Check the above steps from the previous weeks to make sure you haven't missed
	anything.
	oxedge Continue to pack items that you won't need over the next two weeks. Don't forget to
	label the boxes!
	☐ Other

ONE WEEK TO GO!

7 - 6	Check that the Post Office has been notified to redirect your mail.
·	☐ Start packing the rest of your belongings, leaving only the essentials for the remainder
DAYS	of the week and for your arrival.
	Finalize all utilities accounts.
TO GO	☐ Make sure you have made arrangements for gas, water, electricity, internet etc at your
	new property.
	☐ Do the final clean out of the gardens, garage and shed.
	☐ Dispose of any flammable items, old medicines, old paint tins etc
	☐ Other.
5 - 4	☐ Make a list of the items that you will need on your moving day.
•	Confirm the booking with the Removal Company.
DAYS	☐ Set aside a box of cleaning supplies for the final clean.
	Dismantle any items e.g. garden furniture, play equipments etc

TO GO	Other.
3 - 2	Collect any outstanding items (e.g. dry cleaning).
	Return any library books.
DAYS	Return any video rentals
	☐ Do the laundry.
TO GO	☐ Take down any pictures, curtains and any other fixtures that you will be taking with
	you.
	☐ Do the final clean out of the house.
	☐ Cancel any local arrangements e.g. lawn mowing etc.
	☐ Other.
1 DAY	Complete packing and clearly mark all boxes with appropriate contents and room
	location.
TO GO	☐ Dismantle the TV aerial if you are taking it with you.
	Defrost the freezer and unpack the dishwasher.
	☐ Empty rubbish bins.
	☐ Other.

MOVING	Make sure you keep all valuable and essential items on your person.
	☐ Make a list of all the boxes that go on the truck.
DAY!	$oxedsymbol{oxed}$ Do a final check of the house, garage, shed, basement and garden to make sure that
	you haven't forgotten anything.
	☐ Turn off the water.
	Lock all the doors and windows
	oxedge Give the Movers your mobile number in case they need to contact you during the
	move.
	Arrange for your pets to be picked up (if required).
	☐ Confirm the delivery address with the Removal Company.
	☐ Other.

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