Moving House Guide | Tips & Advice From Professional Removalists

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Details:

We have put together practical moving and change-of-address tips to help you organise your next move. Start with the dates, the belongings you are taking and the work you want us to handle, then use the relevant guides below for packing and item-specific preparation.

Where to start

Begin packing early and only pack one room at a time.

Start packing items that are not used frequently, such as books, out of season clothing, etc.

Label each carton on the sides and top with its contents and the room it is going into.

Heavy items like books and appliances should be packed in their own smaller sized box so that they are lighter to handle.

Protecting your goods

Individually wrap and pack each item.

Place suitable support at the bottom of each carton. Blankets, pillows and towels are general cushioning examples, but their suitability depends on the item and they may not maintain the support delicate goods need.

Mark cartons as Heavy or Fragile if necessary.

Pack boxes to their full capacity by using crunched packing paper to fill empty spaces, but do not overload in such a way that the box may lose its shape, or rupture.

Assemble and close each box with suitable tape according to its instructions; additional tape does not increase its load rating.

Furniture

Agree how doors and drawers will be secured for the particular furniture. Use a method compatible with its construction and finish; do not apply adhesive or restraints without checking suitability.

Remove loose shelving where the construction and manufacturer’s instructions permit, and keep components identifiable.

Empty dressers before moving them. Suitable hanging clothes can travel in Port-A-Robe boxes; ask us about the format and quantity for your wardrobe.

Major Appliances

Freezers, refrigerators, washers, driers, stoves, etc., should be dry and clean. If you choose to discard any of these items, make sure that a child cannot enter and be locked inside.

Paintings & Posters

Assess the artwork, frame and glazing before selecting contact materials and rigid protection. Keep wrapping off exposed paint and use the painting guide for the next decision.

Lamps & Lampshades

Remove light bulbs from lamps. Put shades in a separate box and mark “Fragile”.

Electronics

Use complete, sound packaging designed for the device where suitable. Protect components individually using materials compatible with the finish and follow the maker’s transport instructions. See packing electronics .

Home Computers

Back up important files using a method suitable for your computer and check that the backup can be accessed. Keep essential information available securely while equipment is packed.

Choose the guide for your next decision

Start with the moving house checklist to organise tasks and the moving timeline to separate preparation, packing and moving-day work. Keep the change-of-address checklist alongside the plan so accounts and services are not overlooked.

For items needing their own method, use piano moving , plants , pets , fragile items and fridge preparation . The correct next step depends on the item, not on a single household-wide packing rule.

For the people and administration involved, see moving with children , electricity connections and document storage . Use money-saving ideas to review the scope without sacrificing the handling the goods require.

Turn the advice into a sequence

First settle the dates and the work to be done. Then review the inventory and decide what to keep, sell, donate, store or leave behind. Ask for the removal quote using the resulting load and the real access details at both properties.

Next, decide who packs and who dismantles any furniture. Arrange the appropriate materials before beginning. Start with belongings you do not need day to day and keep essentials accessible for the period before delivery. Label cartons so the destination room and special handling are clear.

Prepare appliances according to their model instructions and coordinate any technical disconnections with the appropriate provider. Check the collection and delivery route through the properties, including parking, stairs and lifts. A preparation checklist should identify uncertainties early enough to ask the removalist or another provider for help.

Avoid applying one method to every item

The material and function of an item matter. A lamp, television, piano, fridge and potted plant cannot be treated as interchangeable pieces of furniture. Use the relevant guide and any manufacturer or specialist instructions rather than extending a general packing example to equipment it does not cover.

Likewise, timing examples depend on the household and service. Separate packing time from loading, travel, storage and unloading. If your preparation falls behind, tell the team and discuss the revised plan rather than assuming the original estimate includes unexpected packing work.

Review the plan at handover

Before collection, identify special-care items, anything staying behind and anything travelling with you. Check cupboards, drawers and other areas against the inventory. At delivery, direct the crew to destination rooms and confirm the agreed placement, unpacking or assembly tasks.

If access, keys or the inventory changes, ask for the effect on timing and cost in writing. Keep the quote, terms and contact details together. Use How to Choose a Good Removalist to review the booking and contact the team to resolve a question specific to your move.

Keep a short list of unresolved item decisions

As you use these guides, record the item, the unanswered question and the person who will resolve it. A fridge may need model instructions, a plant may need a destination-entry check, and a piano may need an assessed handling plan. Keep those tasks separate from ordinary carton packing.

Review the list before collection and tell the mover about anything still unresolved. Completing more boxes does not resolve a specialist item's preparation requirement.

Which moving guide should I start with?

Start with the moving-house checklist to organise dates and responsibilities, then use the moving timeline to separate preparation from the work on collection day. Decide what will move, what will be sold or donated, and who will pack before asking for the final service scope. Keep the change-of-address list alongside the plan. Once the ordinary tasks are organised, use item-specific guides for pianos, appliances, plants, pets and fragile belongings. Record unresolved questions and who will answer them so specialist preparation is not lost in the general packing list.

Should I use one packing method for every item?

No. Match the method to the item's material, condition and function. A fridge needs model-specific preparation and restart instructions; a painting needs protection that does not harm its finish; electronics need suitable packaging and identifiable components. Start with sound cartons and appropriate materials, but do not extend one household example to every object. If a guide and a manufacturer's or specialist's instructions differ, resolve the method for the actual item before packing. Tell the removalist about anything that needs special handling or remains unprepared.

What is a practical order for packing the house?

Begin with a review of what will actually travel, then pack seldom-used belongings before everyday essentials. Work through rooms systematically so the inventory remains clear, while choosing each packing method according to the item rather than forcing everything in a room into the same box type. Label cartons with contents and destination rooms and keep furniture components identifiable. Leave the items needed during the move separate. If packing assistance is booked, agree which rooms or items the crew handles and what you must complete before they arrive.

How should I organise handover at the old and new properties?

At collection, identify goods staying behind, anything travelling with you and special-care items on the load. Check access, parking and any building bookings, and keep the agreed inventory available. At delivery, have someone who knows the room plan direct the crew and confirm the placement, unpacking and assembly tasks in the booking. If keys, access or the load changes, contact the coordinator and agree the revised plan. A completed packing checklist does not resolve an unavailable destination or an item that cannot fit the planned route.

What should I do when preparation is falling behind?

Identify exactly what is unfinished—packing a room, preparing an appliance, arranging lift access or assessing a specialist item—and tell the coordinator before collection. Ask whether additional packing help, a changed sequence or different timing can be arranged and what it would involve. Avoid hurried improvised handling simply to keep the original timetable. Keep essential belongings accessible and separate unresolved technical tasks from ordinary packing; finishing more cartons does not make an unsafe or unprepared appliance ready to move.

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