

What To Leave Behind When Moving | Essential Guide

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Details:

Check the property agreement and handover requirements before deciding which fixtures, appliances and outdoor items to take. What stays can depend on the contract, tenancy arrangements, agreed inclusions and relevant rules. A general moving guide cannot determine ownership or removal rights for a particular property.

Resolve uncertainty with the real estate agent, property manager, conveyancer or another appropriate adviser before removing or changing the item. Keep the agreed outcome in writing and use it to prepare the removal inventory. Do not rely solely on whether something appears easy to unplug or detach.

Make separate lists for going, staying and unresolved items

Walk through the property and list items that might be confused with the contents of the home. Include fixtures, fitted appliances and outdoor structures as well as loose furniture. Compare the list with the documents and agreed inclusions for the handover.

Mark uncertain items for clarification before the removal appointment. Give the moving team a clear inventory once the decision is established. The crew should not have to interpret a property contract or settle a disagreement about a fitting on moving day.

Keep rubbish and unwanted possessions separate from items genuinely agreed to remain. Leaving an unwanted item behind is not automatically an acceptable disposal arrangement. Ask the relevant property contact about the required condition of the premises and arrange appropriate collection where necessary.

Check home fixtures individually

Light fittings, chandeliers, curtains, blinds and drapes are examples to review against the applicable agreement. A buyer or incoming occupier's expectations may differ from yours, particularly where something was visible during inspections. Raise the specific item rather than assuming a universal rule covers it.

For a wall-mounted television, consider the television and bracket separately. Confirm what is included and any agreed requirements for removal or making good. The fact that a television can detach from its bracket does not settle what the agreement says about either component.

If you want to retain a fitting, discuss it before taking action. Do not treat removal or replacement before an inspection as a substitute for agreement or disclosure. Obtain the appropriate advice and arrange any required work with a suitable person.

Check fixed and connected appliances

Dishwashers, built-in fridges, plumbed fridges, reverse-cycle air conditioners and outdoor spas with surrounding decking all warrant specific attention. Their connections and installation may make removal more involved, but the agreement and circumstances still need checking.

A freestanding fridge may be easier to move than an integrated appliance, yet physical portability alone does not establish whether it is included in the property transaction. Record the exact appliance rather than describing it only as the fridge or dishwasher if that could cause confusion.

Once an appliance is confirmed as going, establish the preparation and disconnection requirements. Follow its instructions and arrange qualified work where required. Do not assume the household removal team will disconnect plumbing or fixed electrical services as part of transport.

For fridge preparation, consult the fridge-moving guide and the model's instructions. Keep the decision about ownership separate from the decision about how to move the appliance safely.

Review outdoor plants and structures

Garden plants such as rose bushes or a lemon tree should not be removed on the assumption that you planted them and can therefore take them. Check the agreement and obtain appropriate advice before digging up or changing anything connected to the property.

Potted plants also need to be checked against any specific inclusion agreement. If they are going, consider their transport and destination requirements. The plant-moving guide covers questions about care, acceptance and interstate restrictions.

Water features, fountains, gazebos, pergolas and fixed barbecues are further examples to review. Do not infer that a structure is removable merely because some parts can be unbolted. Establish the agreed outcome and any specialist work before putting it on the loading list.

Arrange keys, remotes and access information

Ask the property contact how and when to hand over door keys, garage remotes and other access devices. Check for spares held by household members or authorised contacts. Keep the handover set separate from keys and devices needed at the new home.

Transfer alarm codes or other sensitive access information through the agreed secure method. Do not put codes on a publicly visible box label or assume the new occupier will replace every lock immediately. Follow the actual handover arrangement.

Make a record of the items handed over where appropriate. If a remote or key is missing, tell the relevant contact promptly so an agreed resolution can be arranged. Avoid leaving that issue for the removal crew, whose role may only be transport.

Translate the agreement into the moving plan

Once the going and staying lists are settled, label or otherwise identify the relevant items in a way the crew understands. Walk through the property with the responsible moving contact before loading. Point out similar items where a mistake would be easy, such as two appliances or a television and its bracket.

Update the quote if an agreed change materially affects the inventory or work. If a fixture needs specialist removal, schedule that work before collection and confirm when the item will be ready. Do not expect an unresolved property issue to be absorbed into the moving appointment.

Keep the written decisions accessible on the day. If someone gives a conflicting instruction, pause the affected item and refer it to the authorised property contact. Continuing first and checking later can make the situation harder to resolve.

Complete a final check and deal with mistakes promptly

After loading, compare the property with the agreed staying list and check that your belongings have not been overlooked. Use the forgotten-items guide for dishwasher contents, chargers and less-used storage areas.

If something has been taken or left in error, contact the relevant property and moving contacts promptly. Record what happened and agree access, return or collection before acting. Avoid unannounced entry or making a change without the appropriate arrangement.

We handle local and interstate move enquiries. Give us both addresses, preferred dates and the services required so we can confirm availability and the proposed route in writing. Call 1800 500 584 or use the quote form once the inventory and preparation requirements are clear. The removal booking should reflect the property decisions already established.

Must every wall-mounted television bracket stay?

Do not rely on a universal rule. Check the property agreement and confirm the television and bracket as separate items with the authorised property contact or adviser. A detachable TV does not establish what was included in the transaction, and removing the bracket may involve agreed making-good work. Resolve those details before collection and keep the outcome in writing. Put only confirmed items on the removal inventory so the crew is not expected to interpret the contract at the wall.

Can I take a fridge simply because it unplugs?

Being able to unplug the fridge does not settle whether it is included in the property arrangement. Check the specific appliance against the agreement and obtain clarification from the appropriate property contact if needed. Treat contents and the appliance as separate decisions. Once it is confirmed to move, follow its manufacturer preparation instructions and tell the removalist about dimensions, water connections and access. Do not let physical portability replace the ownership and inclusion decision that must come first.

Should I remove a fitting before an inspection if I want to keep it?

Do not treat removal or replacement as a substitute for agreement or disclosure. Identify the fitting and discuss your intention with the relevant property adviser or authorised contact before changing it. Check what the applicable agreement requires and obtain any necessary consent and making-good arrangements. Keep the confirmed outcome with the handover list and arrange suitable technical help for work requiring it. The moving crew should receive a settled instruction rather than being asked to resolve the fitting's status during collection.

What if an item's status is disputed on moving day?

Pause that item and refer the issue to the authorised property contact or appropriate adviser. Keep it separate from the confirmed load while the position is clarified and record the agreed result in writing. Do not expect the removal crew to interpret the contract or decide between conflicting instructions. If clarification changes the load, access or timing, tell the coordinator and agree the implications. Resolving the item before removal avoids turning uncertainty into an unauthorised handover decision.

How should I organise the list of items going and staying?

Walk through fixtures, appliances, furniture, outdoor structures and other potentially ambiguous items against the property documents. Use separate lists for confirmed going, confirmed staying and unresolved goods, with a named person to clarify each open question. Keep unwanted possessions and rubbish separate from items genuinely agreed to remain. Once decisions are settled, update the

removal inventory and brief helpers. Include the final property check and any agreed handover work so the lists remain useful through departure.