



## PLANNING YOUR MOVE

### MOVE DATE:

### NEW ADDRESS:

#### Six weeks before move

- Will you need to hold a garage sale or dispose of unwanted goods? Some councils offer limited hard rubbish collection.
- Will you need Storage?
- Will your furniture (new or old) fit through doors and stairwells in new house?
- Decide whether you will need a packing service.
- Get a [quote](#) and book early.
- Discuss move with children and prepare them. Visit new schools, parks and playgrounds and any interesting landmarks in new area to give them something to look forward to.

#### 4 weeks before move

- Notify banks, post office and utilities of new address and date of move. See [FAQ & Hints page](#) for sites.
- Gather information on your new location – takeaway menus, public transport maps, doctor's surgery, vet, chemist, mechanics etc.
- If packing yourself order your packing boxes from removalist.

#### 2 weeks before move

- Gather important documents, jewellery and any small items you feel strongly about and plan to transport them yourself.
- Start using pantry contents up – anything you don't have to pack makes the move faster.
- If you are packing yourself, start with items you don't currently use, such as bookcases, un-seasonal clothing, garage and garden. Make sure not to pack too many books in one box as they can be very heavy. This is often an opportunity to cull unwanted goods. See [Going Green page](#) for safe disposal of electrical goods and batteries.
- Make sure to book your elevator for day of move if you live in an apartment.
- Wash and treat pets for fleas and worms so they are ready for new home.

#### One day before move

- Have a box marked "last minute essential items" and put keys, remotes, mobile charger, diaries/organisers, pen and cheque book, medication and first aid kit etc.
- Have a box for tea, coffee milk and snacks for quick refreshments on day of move.
- Make sure all boxes are taped closed and marked with the room they need to go to – our removalists will make sure they go to correct room.
- For country and interstate moves make sure to empty and defrost fridge and freezer.

#### On day of move

- Put pets in their travel containers before removalists arrive.
- If you are moving within metro area leave fridge turned on until the last minute, have an esky for your perishables, our removalist loads fridge last and will advise on how to prepare fridge.
- Make sure you have made arrangements to pay your removalist on the day.
- Do a last minute check of cupboards, shelves etc. before leaving old home.