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Preparing To Move

Moving can be stressful, however once you have unpacked the boxes and everything has a home, it is exciting, entertaining family and friends and discovering what is new in the neighbourhood.

Reduce your stress and let us help you with your home connections.

Preparation Is Key

Moving can be a stressful process, so it's best to be prepared and plan ahead of schedule.

- Create a list of everything that needs packing in each room to estimate logistics or storage.
- Photograph television and stereo cables to make reinstalling in your new property easier.
- Measure large or bulky furniture items and take note of height and width.
- Measure the rooms and doorways in your new home to work out where furniture can go.
- Draw up a floor plan of your new home to figure out where to place items.
- Find out where the easiest points of access are in your new home for moving in furniture.
- Check if the driveway at your new home can accommodate a small truck or moving van.
- Use moving as a perfect opportunity to declutter and re-organise! Donate unwanted goods to local schools or charities, or sell items online or through community newspaper.



Our Complete Moving Checklist

Remember to Cancel

- Newspaper and/or milk delivery
- Telephone, internet and cable TV
- Gas, water and electricity (arrange a final meter reading)

Organise for Moving Day

- Obtain supply of boxes
- Get packaging tape and heavy marker pens
- Arrange for furniture removal (get quote, confirm time)
- Arrange care of your children on moving day
- Make suitable arrangements for any pets
- Arrange transit insurance, home and contents, and fire insurance for your new home
- Organise shifting times with the buyer of your old property and the previous owner of your new one

Notify your Change of Address

- Bank, credit card and charge card companies
- Post office for redirection of mail
- Elections registrar
- Registrar of motor vehicles and drivers license
- Tax department
- Insurance companies
- Hire purchase or finance companies
- Investment companies
- Local council
- Clubs and organisations
- Police (if you own and store firearms)
- Friends and relatives
- Magazine subscriptions
- Doctor, dentist, accountant, lawyer

Don't Forget

- Clean the stove and defrost the fridge/freezer
- Tidy the yard
- Ensure that the chattels that have been sold with the property aren't accidentally packed
- Disconnect all appliances
- Disconnect the TV aerial
- Return any borrowed items
- Throw out items that you don't intend taking with you
- List valuable items for special care when moving
- Advise removal company of dangerous goods being moved (i.e. ammunition, petrol, spirits, chemicals)
- Securely pack all jewellery, money and special documents
- Set aside items you will need on the day of the move so you can take them with you
- Pack each room leaving the boxes stacked and labelled with the room they are to be moved to. It is a good idea to write on each box a list of its general content

- Clearly label boxes containing breakables as 'fragile' and identify these items to the removal people
- Pot and pack away the plants and cuttings you're taking
- Explain your packing procedure to the removal people and be at your new home when they arrive

Don't...

- Put breakables or liquid filled containers in drawers
- Overload drawers and make furniture too heavy to move
- Move netting, barbed wire, timber, wood, coal etc without special arrangements being made
- Store perishable goods where they might be overlooked

Make Arrangements To

- See your solicitor to sign transfer documents / mortgage discharge documents
- Enrol children in new school
- Coordinate the forwarding of any files from the children's previous school to their new one

Organise For Your New Home

- Contact Harcourts Complete to connect your gas, electricity and telephone. Ask your sales agent for details
- Newspaper delivery
- Telephone
- Internet and cable TV connection
- Gas, electricity and water

The Week Before Moving

- Remind and confirm dates, times and locations for furniture removal company
- Confirm moving in/moving out details and key exchange with your Harcourts sales consultant
- Say goodbye to neighbours

One Last Check

- Nothing left behind?
- No clothes at the dry cleaners?
- No gear stored away from your property?
- Electricity, gas and telephone disconnected?
- Water turned off and no taps left running?
- Windows and doors latched?
- Keys with solicitor (if appropriate)?

After It's All Over

- Have spare keys cut for your new home
- Make an insurance claim if any damage has occurred during the move
- Teach children how to get to their new school
- Enjoy your new home and keep in touch!

Find where you belong.

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