

# TIPS FOR MOVING HOUSE

500,000 homeowners move house each year. We thought that we would provide some tips for our customers who may be moving house.

- ☐ Get quotes from removalist firms and always check their insurance cover (consider an hourly rate or a fixed cost). Also ensure truck can get "access" at both ends.
- ☐ Get lots of boxes and tape.
- ☐ Have a "big clean up and throw out" at least four weeks before you start packing. This stops you packing things you've been meaning to throw out for years. Then hold a garage sale. Don't take furniture that just won't fit in the new place.
- ☐ Pack vital papers like wills, passports, birth certificates, diplomas and so forth in a separate box and give it to a trusted friend or relative to keep until after your move.
- ☐ Have a "TO BED" box filled with sheets, blankets, toothbrushes, pyjamas, torch/candles, and any other necessities. This will make the end of a long day far more pleasant for all.
- ☐ Pets – Think about it, in case of delays, gate locks etc.
- ☐ Empty fridge and freezer contents into an esky.
- ☐ Prepare your washing machine – Make sure there is no water in the hoses, and they are secured to machine.
- ☐ See if you can get access to new house to "measure up" for any needed wardrobes, treatments etc.
- ☐ Pack a box marked "ESSENTIALS" with small tools, toilet paper, light globes, soap, towel, mugs, coffee, tea, sugar & spoons, kettle, etc. Highlight this box with a red texta.
- ☐ Label your boxes! For example, a box marked "JANE'S ROOM" will save a lot of double handling and aggravation. (You will put signs on each room at your new home for the removalists).
- ☐ Leave a list at your old house with important things to note for the new tenants (e.g. Settings/codes, keys).
- ☐ Old house – ensure its cleaned so as not to risk your bond. Consider if any "damage" needs to be painted or repaired. Take photos as proof of repairs, lawn condition etc.

## Notify Change of Address

- ☐ Kindergarten / Primary
- ☐ Secondary / Tertiary Institution
- ☐ Childcare Services
- ☐ Public Library
- ☐ Electoral office
- ☐ Bank / Credit Union / Superfund
- ☐ Credit Card issuers and store accounts
- ☐ Life and Accident Insurance
- ☐ Car insurance and any other insurance (boat/trailer)
- ☐ Car registration and driver's Licence
- ☐ Centrelink (pensions etc)
- ☐ Shares, Investments, Government Bonds, etc
- ☐ Property and Contents Insurance
- ☐ Social and Sports Clubs
- ☐ Rentals, cable tv

## Phone/Internet

- ☐ "Off" at old address, "On" at new address

## Employment

- ☐ Workplace/s
- ☐ Super funds
- ☐ Trade unions / professional bodies

## Medical

- ☐ Doctor/Chemist
- ☐ Dentist
- ☐ Hospital (if you're an outpatient)
- ☐ Baby health care centre
- ☐ Medicare / Private health care fund

## Housekeeping

- ☐ Post Office (pay a small fee to have your mail re-directed)
- ☐ Neighbours (For redirection of mail/packages)
- ☐ Committees
- ☐ Magazine subscriptions
- ☐ Newsagent (final delivery date)

## Services (Gas, Electricity, Water, Alarm Monitoring)

- ☐ "Off" at old address
- ☐ "On" at new address

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