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Planning your move

Careful planning can help take the stress out of moving house. By using the timeline below you can plan the 6 weeks leading up to when you have your new house keys in your hands and get to move in!

6 WEEKS

- Book removalist (check costs, insurance, packing, loading, delivery and claims procedures)
- Order a free change of address kit from Australia Post

3 - 4 WEEKS

- Start packing!

Helpful Hint - clearly mark on the outside of each box what is inside this will make it easier when you start to unpack.

- A garage sale during this time is a good way to clear your house of unwanted items.
- Plan to cancel utilities at your current house and arrange to have them installed at your new house
 - Internet
 - Telephone
 - Gas / electricity
 - Foxtel / Austar
 - Water
- Clear outstanding accounts (sometimes finalised by a legal representative) Moving houses is a major reason householders forget to finalise accounts and end up with defaults on their credit report!
- Organise change of address for your car licence, registration and car insurance
- Give your local post office your new forwarding address
- Fill out the change of address kit
- Notify anyone you need to of your new address eg:

- Accountant
- Employer
- Government agencies (including Medicare)
- Doctor / Dentist
- Health Care
- Insurance companies
- AEC (Australian Electoral Commission)
- Subscriptions
- Financial institutions

Helpful Hint - Make sure any change in bank details is passed onto your employer and any companies where direct debits will be affected. In order to ensure that you notify all your direct debits, review the last 6 months of bank statements.

2 - 3 DAYS BEFORE THE MOVE

- Keep your house cleaning materials, valuables and legal documents aside as you will want these with you and not in the removal truck.
- Have the payment for the removalist ready

Helpful Hint - using a floor plan you can already plan where you want the majority of your furniture.

ON MOVING DAY

- Keep note of what boxes go into the removalist truck and mark off as they are unpacked.

Unpack and enjoy your new home! Congratulations!



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