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It is important to plan ahead for every aspect of your move. If it is not planned correctly, moving can be a nightmare. Hopefully our below checklist can help you and provide you with some useful tips to make the daunting process a smooth one.

BE MINDFUL OF THE FOLLOWING

- $\sqrt{}$ Belongings can take up more space than you think.
- √ You will rediscover belongings you forgot you had, this is a chance for you to de-clutter and work out if items still have a use, need or want in your household.
- $\sqrt{}$ This process is time consuming. Try start planning and packing in a timely manner to avoid added stress.
- √ Ensure to get a few quotes with third parties when it comes to moving. Ask your friends and families if they have had good experiences and with which companies.
- $\sqrt{}$ Better off having excess than not enough packing material e.g. boxes, bubble wrap etc.
- √ Some items you won't be able to move without damage, ensure your items are well packed and look into moving insurance.

You may want to consider notifying the below companies of your new address

Utilities	Government	Home Service	Financial Business	Health/Medical	Education
Gas/Heating	Taxation Office	Cleaning	Banks	Doctor/GP	Schools
Electricity	Electoral Roll	Gardening	Credit Cards	Dentist	University
Telephone	Service NSW	Lawn Mowing	Loans	Health Insurance	Library
Local Council	Personal		Accountant	Optical	After School Care
Post Office	Family & Friends		Solicitor	Veterinarian	TAFE
Clubs	Employers		Superannuation	Personal Trainer	
Sporting/Dancing etc	Reward Programs		Insurance	Gym	



HANDY TIPS & CHECKLIST



- √ A few weeks before the move gradually start reducing stockpiles of frozen, tinned and packaged goods. These
 are notorious for spoiling, spilling or simply taking up space and packing time.
- $\sqrt{}$ Take the time to choose the right packing boxes for the job.
- √ Begin packing a few days before the move. Start in areas such as the dining room or study where items are not in constant use.
- Resist packing breakables or liquids such as ornaments, perfumes or sauce bottles, in drawers. Do not overload drawers with linen or clothing as too much weight may damage furniture.
- When packing items from the garden, shed or workshop, don't forget to drain the fuel from heater, lamps, lawn mowers or outboard motors.
- ✓ One way of making the task of unpacking much easier even for children is to colour code each room. Packed boxes can be marked with their room's colour, as well as a short description of their contents.
- Another of the less obvious points to be considered in advance of the move is whether your driveway can take the weight of the loaded van.
- $\sqrt{}$ Get estimates for moving companies and or truck rentals. Check for availability and insurance.
- √ Investigate schools and childcare facilities of your new locality.
- $\sqrt{}$ Give your new address to your health professional.
- $\sqrt{}$ Investigate moving needs for any pets and arrange check up for them.
- $\sqrt{}$ Decide what to store and what to give to charity
- √ Cancel, transfer club memberships
- √ Investigate storage options if required and collect boxes for packing
- √ Organize a garage sale. Advertise online on socials. Contact charities for pick-up ofdonated items.
- √ Party time! Organise a BBQ to use up perishables!
- √ Arrange transfer of school records
- $\sqrt{}$ Notify business, clubs, organisations, friends, family change of address. Close or transfer bank accounts. Ensure you have cash for the moving day.
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- $\sqrt{}$ Arrange to forward your mail to your new address. Cancel Post Office Box accounts.
- √ Contact utilities to cancel or transfer accounts after your moving date and confirmutilities will be on at your new place before you arrive.
- √ De-frost & clean your refrigerator and freezer; clean your stove.
- Turn off lights, appliances and hot water system. Lock doors and window. Do a final check of cupboards, drawers. Leave keyswith your old landlord if applicable







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