

# Moving house? We've got a list of things to do!



#### **Remember to cancel:**

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

## **Organise for moving day:**

- $\Box$  Obtain supply of boxes (the supermarket can be one supplier).
- $\Box$  Get packaging tape and heavy marker pens.
- $\Box$  Arrange for furniture removal (get quote, confirm time).



 $\Box$  Arrange care of your children on moving day.

 $\Box$  Make suitable arrangements for any pets.

 $\Box$  Arrange transit insurance and contents and fire insurance for your new home.

 $\Box$  Organise shifting times with the purchaser of your old property and the previous owner of your new one.

## Notify your change of address to:

 $\Box$  Bank, credit card and charge card companies.

 $\Box$  Post office for redirection of mail.

□ Elections Registrar.

 $\Box$  Registrar of motor vehicles and drivers license.

# $\Box$ Tax department.

- □ Insurance companies.
- $\Box$  Hire purchase or finance companies.
- $\Box$  Investment companies.
- $\Box$  Local council.
- $\Box$  Clubs and organisations.



 $\Box$  Police (if you own and store firearms).

- $\Box$  Friends and relatives.
- □ Magazine subscriptions.
- □ Doctor, dentist, accountant, lawyer.

# Don't forget:

 $\Box$  Clean the stove and defrost the fridge/freezer.

 $\Box$  Tidy the yard.

 $\Box$  Ensure that the chattels that have been sold with the property are not accidentally packed.

 $\Box$  Disconnect all appliances.

 $\Box$  Disconnect the TV aerial.

- $\Box$  Return any borrowed items.
- $\Box$  Throw out items that you don't intend taking with you.
- $\Box$  List valuable items for special care when moving.

 $\Box$  Advise removal company of dangerous goods being moved (i.e. ammunition, petrol, spirits, chemicals).



 $\Box$  Securely pack all jewellery, money, special documents and papers (i.e. legal, tax, insurance etc).

 $\Box$  Set aside items you will need on the day of the move so you can take them with you (i.e. food, drinks, cleaning products).

 $\Box$  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 plants and cuttings you are taking with you.

 $\Box$  Explain your packing procedure to the removal people and be at your new home when they arrive.

#### Do not:

□ Put breakables or liquid filled containers in drawers.

 $\Box$  Overload drawers and make furniture too heavy to shift (too much weight can damage furniture).

 $\Box$  Move netting, barbed wire, timber, wood, coal etc without special arrangements being made.

 $\Box$  Store perishable goods where they might be overlooked.



#### Make arrangements to:

 $\Box$  See your solicitor to sign transfer documents/mortgage discharge documents.

 $\Box$  Enrol children in new school.

 $\Box$  Coordinate the forwarding of any files from the children's previous school to their new one.

### **Organise for your new home:**

 $\Box$  Newspaper delivery.

 $\Box$  Telephone.

 $\Box$  Internet and cable TV connection.

 $\Box$  Gas, electricity and water.

#### The week before moving:

□ Remind and confirm dates/times/locations for furniture removal company.

□ Confirm moving in/moving out details and key exchange with your Harcourts consultant.

 $\Box$  Say goodbye to neighbours.



## **One last check:**

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

#### After it's all over:

- $\Box$  Have spare keys cut.
- $\Box$  Make an insurance claim if any damage has occurred during the move.
- $\Box$  Teach children how to get to their new school.