

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.