



LMI Hints and Tips

Moving home: Staying organised

The thought of packing up all your belongings to prepare for a move can be an overwhelming one.

Planning and preparation is key to a move running smoothly. There is nothing like a checklist to help keep you organised and on track.

8 weeks before moving

Eight weeks before you move home is the ideal time to create your moving budget and estimate the total cost of your relocation. You can begin researching removal services in your area, as well as how much it will cost to move to your new community.

It also helps to look at the floor plan of your new home and determine where your furniture and belongings will go. This pre-planning will help you have a clearer picture to create a 'mover's checklist', so that the removalists can deliver your furniture to the correct rooms on moving day.



Top moving tip

Put your 'mover's checklist' and all other important documents in a designated moving binder. This will help you to easily keep track of your receipts, invoices and an inventory of your furniture and valuables.

- Establish a budget: estimate cost of moving.
- Research moving options: professional removalists vs. DIY (i.e. moving vehicle hire).
- A plan to set your new home up: determine where your belongings are to go in your new place.

6 weeks before moving

Make a detailed list of all your valuables in case they're lost or misplaced during your move.

This is also the time to notify businesses, your bank, credit card company, and your friends and relatives of your new address.

If possible, change over your utilities to your new address to ensure that there is no downtime in items such as pay TV and internet connection.

- Create an inventory of all items
- Provide change of address notifications
- Transfer or set up utilities at your new address

4 weeks before moving

One-month prior to moving, solidify your moving-house checklist by confirming your travel arrangements, removalist service booking and any special travel arrangements for your pets or children.

- Confirm travel arrangements
- Book a removalist service or vehicle hire
- Organise additional needs: i.e. pet transportation, inform change of address to the pet microchip registry, arrange any child care.

2 weeks before moving

Think of what you will need for an "essentials bag", for example clothing and toiletries that you might want to take with you instead of loading into the moving truck.

This is also the opportunity to donate your belongings to charity, or even sell them to earn a little extra cash for your move.

- Essentials bag
- Sell or donate unwanted items
- Clearly label your packed boxes (e.g. Kitchen - Pots and Pans)

Moving day

It's time to put your moving-house checklist to work.

Provide an inventory list of your items to your removalist and a share your 'mover's checklist' so they know which boxes and furniture are required to be delivered to which room in your new home. This will simplify the moving process greatly.

Make sure that you have enough cash or traveller's cheques (if you are moving overseas) on hand to cover your expenses during your relocation.

- Provide list to movers: an inventory list of items, containing details of which boxes they are in and which room they are for in your new place.
- Cash reserve: to pay for movers and any other expense on moving day.

