



Moving Guide

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Preparing to move

Moving into your new home is an exciting experience. Whether you're buying your first home, upsizing or downsizing, planning is the most important thing you can do.



Preparation is key

Moving can be a stressful process, so it's best to be prepared and plan ahead of schedule.

- Create a list of everything that needs packing in each room to estimate logistics or storage.
- Photograph television and stereo cables to make reinstalling in your new property easier.
- Measure large or bulky furniture items and take note of height and width.
- Measure the rooms and doorways in your new home to work out where furniture can go.
- Draw up a floor plan of your new home to figure out where to place items.
- Find out where the easiest points of access are in your new home for moving in furniture.
- Check if the driveway at your new home can accommodate a small truck or moving van.
- Use moving as a perfect opportunity to declutter and re-organise! Donate unwanted goods to local schools or charities, or sell items online or through community newspapers.

Tips for packing

Use these seven tips for packing boxes to make your move a little less stressful and a bit more efficient:

1 Start packing early

No matter how good you are, packing always takes longer than you think. Start packing your belongings as early as you can and do it in stages, not all at once. Start packing non-essential items, like books you don't use daily, first to cut down on stress and reduce your workload. Take a few weeks to slowly pack and make sure you're doing it right.

2 Round up boxes

Buying moving boxes can be expensive, and if you have to pack a whole house, you could easily spend hundreds of dollars. There's nothing wrong with a few wardrobe boxes or specialty boxes for TVs, but you don't need to spend your savings on cardboard. Go around to grocery stores, liquor stores and even businesses you frequent and just ask for some boxes. You could save a lot of money and get most of your boxes for absolutely nothing. Ensure the bottoms of your boxes are sturdy and reinforced.



3 Pack strategically

You may not get a chance to unpack all your boxes immediately, so put everything you will want on your first day – sheets, towels, toiletries, change of clothes – in a suitcase or washing basket for easy access. It's also worth marking boxes filled with items you will need first with a symbol. Prevent breakages by simply filling your boxes with shredded newspaper or packing paper to cushion any soft drop or fall the box takes. Extra-fragile items should be labelled as such and packed with bubble wrap.

4 Label your boxes

People who start packing in a hurry often forget to label their first few boxes. Get some waterproof markers and label each box. Ideally, you should label your boxes on all sides. Even a single letter or abbreviation like "K" for kitchen or "MB" for master bedroom will make the process easier.

5 Fill every space

Many people think they need to empty dressers and suitcases before they move. Keeping drawers filled ensures less space is wasted and helps to alleviate load shift in the truck.

6 Don't box bulky items

Too many people make the mistake of boxing very heavy or oddly-shaped items. Instead, wrap them in bubble wrap and move them separately to avoid damage. Think about the weight of your boxes. Try and stick to 15-20kgs maximum.

7 Consider getting help

If you've got lots of furniture and very little time, you may want to hire movers. They can take care of the grunt work for you and their experience can help your move go as smoothly as possible.

For more helpful tips about moving home, speak to your EVES salesperson today.



Your moving checklist

Six weeks prior

- Create a list of everything that needs packing in each room to estimate logistics or storage
- Photograph television and stereo cables to make reinstalling in your new property easier

Four weeks prior

- Cleaner booked
- Carpet cleaner booked
- Have a big clean up and get rid of items no longer needed. Donate unwanted items to schools or charities or give away to friends and family.
- Local health facilities research
- Sporting clubs research

Two weeks prior

Be sure to notify and update your address with the following organisations/people:

- New Zealand Post mail direction
- Your bank, credit card and charge card companies
- IRD
- Your solicitor
- Job/s
- Insurance companies; household, car, contents, health
- Schools
- Register of motor vehicles and driver's license
- Doctor, dentist or other medical practitioners
- Local authority – Council for rates, animal registration
- Stores where you charge accounts
- Hire purchase or finance companies
- Local club memberships
- Friends and relatives

- Accountant
- Magazine subscriptions
- Police (if you own & store firearms)

One week prior

- Cancel gas and power (arrange a final meter reading)
- Cancel telephone and internet
- Discontinue water service
- Disconnect TV Aerial/Sky TV
- Transfer alarm monitoring services
- Transfer newspaper delivery service
- Cancel lawn moving/garden services
- Remind and confirm/dates times locations for furniture removal company
- Organise a supply of boxes from places like the supermarket, retail stores
- Get more packing tape - it's always better to have more than less
- Carefully wrap and label fragile items
- Don't overfill boxes – make sure they're not too heavy to carry
- Make sure your insurance covers you for moving day
- Label all boxes with the contents and room they are going to
- Ensure chattels that have been sold with the property have not been accidentally packed

The day before

- Clean out the fridge and defrost freezer
- Clean the oven
- Tidy the backyard
- Disconnect all appliances
- Clean dishwasher (if this belongs in the house)

- Set aside things that you will need on the day of the move so you can take them with you (e.g. food, drinks, cleaning products)

On moving day

- Disconnect your washing machine and drain the water
- Check the tops of wardrobes and in the attic/basement for any forgotten belongings
- Keep jewellery, money, passports, legal documents or insurance policies with you
- Leave instruction manuals and important documents on the bench
- Ensure the house is clean and tidy for the new tenants or owners
- Turn off lights, hot water, gas meter and power
- Take all your rubbish with you
- Lock the door when you leave and leave the keys with your real estate or other appropriate person

At your new home

- Double check that everything in the property is in order and meets the terms of your purchase contract
- Check that the electricity, gas, hot water and telephone connections have been switched on
- Check security - if you are concerned arrange to have locks changed
- Teach children how to get to their new school, college, university
- Look after your pets – keep them inside or fenced area for a bit until they get use to the area

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