

## 8-week countdown to moving day

A task timeline to help you move out of your old home, and into the new one

Moving to a new home is stressful! Here's how to start preparing earlier to avoid last-minute madness later.

# 8

### Weeks Ahead

Create a record-keeping or filing system for all your house moving paperwork, such as:

- Rental or sale contracts
- Moving-related service quotes & receipts
- Photos of the old and new house (for snags)
- Moving budget
- A clear-to-do list



**Plan-ahead tip!**  
Research the amenities in your new area, like shops, schools, or gyms

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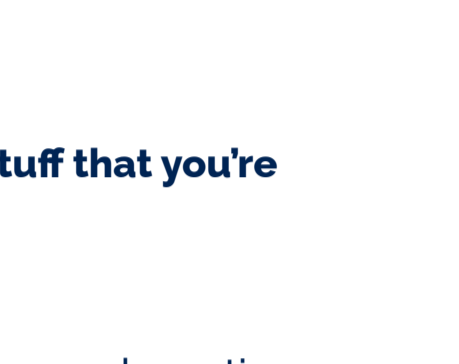
### Weeks Ahead

Create an inventory of all your belongings and decide what to keep, donate, sell or discard.

- Set aside precious items like jewellery and family heirlooms
- Identify what you don't need, ready for sale or donation
- Start tossing out the clutter that has no value



**Plan-ahead tip!**  
Purchase packing boxes, reams of bubble wrap and tape



# 6

### Weeks Ahead

It's purge week! Start getting rid of the stuff that you're not taking with you.

- Sell items online, using safe platforms and practices
- Give some items to neighbours or friends who would like them
- Find charity or community organisations where you can donate items



**Plan-ahead tip!**  
It's time to book your moving company or confirm DIY arrangements

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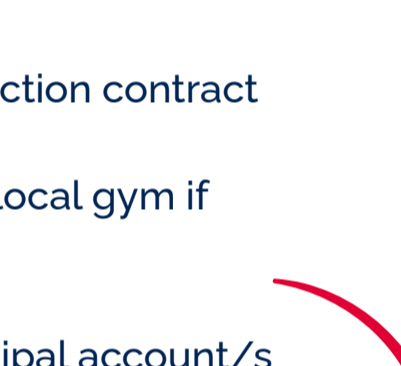
### Weeks Ahead

Yep. You've got more admin.

- Change your address** at your bank, cell phone company, insurance and medical aid companies and all credit providers, as well as your children's school/s
- If you're relocating, it's a good idea to obtain your medical records from your GP
- Check if your insurance requirements will change at your new home and if you'll need insurance on your belongings while they're in transit



**Plan-ahead tip!**  
Start packing easy-to-pack items like books and files



# 4

### Weeks Ahead

Give notice to service providers, if necessary. For example:

- Cancel or move your fibre connection contract
- Cancel your membership at the local gym if you're relocating
- Set up the closure of your municipal account/s for utilities like electricity and water, once the transfer of your property is registered



**Plan-ahead tip!**  
Don't forget to ensure that all utilities at your new home will be connected and switched on when you move.

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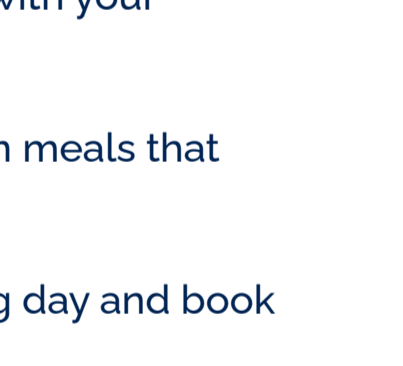
### Weeks Ahead

Put plans in place to make your move more practical and pain-free:

- Arrange for someone to take care of your children and pets on moving day
- Pack a "first-night box" so that you can quickly access everything you'll need on the first night in your new home, without having to unpack anything else
- Avoid problems by inspecting your existing home for repairs that need to be done before you leave



**Plan-ahead tip!**  
Start packing sundry items you can live without, such as décor and extra linen.



# 2

### Weeks Ahead

Things are getting real! Ramp up your moving efforts:

- Confirm moving-day arrangements with your moving or trailer rental company
- Assess your pantry supplies and plan meals that optimise what you already have
- Inform your employer of your moving day and book leave if necessary



**Plan-ahead tip!**  
Pack your valuables (jewellery and heirlooms) in separate boxes for safekeeping.

# 1

### Week Ahead

Packing, packing, packing:

- Clear out your refrigerator. Defrost the freezer and air it out to prevent mildew
- Drain the fuel and oil from your lawnmower
- Bubble-wrap crockery, keeping a few essentials aside for the week



**Plan-ahead tip!**  
Start dismantling and stacking any flat-pack furniture



# 1

### Day Before

It's starting to feel like camping – hang in there, it's the last mile!

- Do your last few loads of laundry and disconnect your washing machine
- Prepare and label all your house keys to hand over to your agent
- Charge all your electronic devices and pack your first-night box into your car



**Plan-ahead tip!**  
Take care of yourself – breathe, eat well and try to get a good night's sleep.

# Moving Day

All your efforts culminate in this moment. It's going to be a busy day:

- Rise early and pack the last of your essentials
- Contact the agent well in advance to ensure that you'll have immediate access to your new home when you arrive
- Guide your removal team by identifying what needs to go
- Once your home is **emptied out**, check all rooms and cupboards and give it a good clean



**Plan-ahead tip!**  
Prepare a shopping list of essential food items for the first few days in your new home.



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