

6 week moving guide

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Week 1 – diarising and decisions

Week 2 – the big clean out

Week 3 – collecting and recording

Week 4 – letting others know

Week 5 – packing


Week 6 – the move

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Time to move



Moving house seems pretty easy at first glance; you pack, load, drive and unpack. But as anyone who's moved house before will tell you, it isn't that easy and there's so much to organise and remember. The six week moving guide outlines a simple plan to follow that will ensure a much more organised approach to moving house. Provincial Real Estate endeavours to make your new beginning a joyful one!







Week 1 - Diarising and Decisions

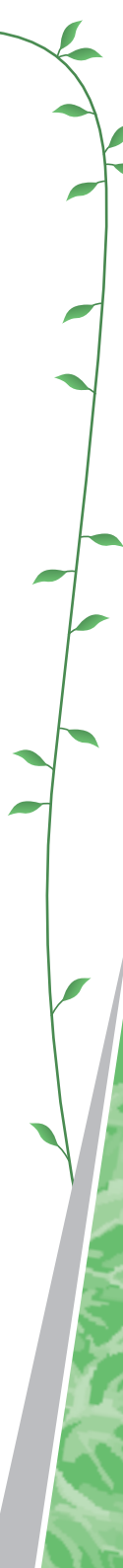

- Invest in purchasing a diary or organiser to jot down dates and details.
 - Make the decision if you are going to move yourself or use a removalist company. Add up the many costs (truck, fuel, hotels, stress, strained friendships) of doing it yourself before deciding professionals are too expensive. If you decide on hiring a removalist company make sure they are reputable and insured.
 - Hire your truck or removalist company as soon as possible to avoid missing out or being forced to pay a premium.
 - If you're moving due to employment reasons find out if you can claim these expenses from your employer or seek advice from your accountant as a tax deduction.
 - Provincial Real Estate can put you in touch with a company who can pack, organise, clean and move if you don't have the time. It's just part of our complimentary customer service.
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Week 2

- Clean up and sort out storage areas inside and outside of your home. Donate or sell anything you don't need.
 - Get rid of any flammable, corrosive or potentially hazardous products like paint, fuel, oil. Seek advice from your local or government authority.
 - Remove any building materials or general rubbish from the yard that the purchaser of your home doesn't want. Fixtures and fittings stay unless specified in the contract.
 - If fixed items on walls, floors and ceilings are going to be removed as per the contract (for example mirrors, cupboards and shelves) make sure you repair and paint the holes, recesses or damage left behind.
 - Start planning your meals around the remaining contents of your freezer and pantry.
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Week 3

- If packing yourself start collecting large packing boxes or purchase boxes from your removalist company.
- Other packing materials required are: masking tape, scissors, box cutters, trolley, butcher's paper or newspapers, blankets, bubble wrap, marker pens and plastic storage containers.
- Have all valuables you are moving re-appraised for insurance purposes.
- Make a home inventory of all your possessions and record serial numbers of electrical equipment and white goods.

Week 4

- Advise your local post office to redirect all mail from your existing address to your new address on a nominated form.
 - If moving out of state, check drivers license requirements, registration and insurance requirements.
 - Check what is covered in a move by your insurance policy. Make sure your house and contents insurance covers both the existing home and the new home during the move.
 - Contact all organisations you belong to and transfer your membership to your new location. Transfer medical records to your new doctor, dentist and specialist.
 - Check with all local service providers such as dry cleaners, library and video stores to pick up items or settle accounts.
 - Send an email or letter to friends and family to inform them of your move, change of address and contact details.
 - Inform the utility companies when to turn off the old services and turn on the new.
 - Ask your veterinarian about travel plans for your pets.
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Provincial Real Estate hopes the six week moving guide will make your big move a more organised and smoother transition. We wish you all the happiness, health and prosperity in your new beginning.







Week 5

- Pack an “Open Me First” box storing all the essentials you’ll need as you unpack. Include medications, toiletries, torch, mobile phone, address books, linen, towels and pet supplies. Make separate ones for the children. Load these boxes and tool kits last so they’ll be easy to find when you arrive at your new home.
- It is recommended, and in your best interest, that important valuables such as family photos, jewellery and legal documents be moved by yourself rather than removalist companies.
- Pack breakables individually with bubble wrap and/or several sheets of paper.
- Write a code for what’s inside each box on the box top and on your home inventory list.
- If your move is long, consider giving plants to neighbours, friends or family.

Week 6

- If you’re moving locally, consider leaving pets and small children with friends or family on moving day to reduce stress on them and you.
 - Do a final check of your house and property. Check in each room, wardrobes, sheds and any other storage areas to make sure nothing is left behind.
 - Unplug, defrost and dry the freezer and refrigerator.
 - Clean the home ready for the new owners.
 - Organise keys, collect manuals, write down instructions to leave and transfer over to the new owners.
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