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## Planning for Your Move

### Hire help

Get moving company recommendations and bids, then hire one 6-8 weeks before you move.

### Take inventory

List the items that are going with you and inventory them with your camera phone.

### Get insured

Will your mover and homeowner's insurance adequately cover your belongings during the move? If not, purchase additional insurance.

### Cut back

Pare down your pile of possessions through yard sales, online selling or donations.

### Get supplies

Collect clean, used boxes and newspapers. Don't forget packing tape and markers.

### Stay organized

Map out where items will go in your new place and pack them by room. Clearly mark what's in each box, especially fragile breakables.

### Keep it close

Hand-carry valuables and important documents in a fire-safe box.

### Be ready

Separately pack toiletries, medicines and clothing to easily find them after the move.

### Notify people

Share your change of address with friends and family, schools, your employer and landlord, if necessary.

### Stop and start services

Determine dates to stop utilities/services at your old place and start them at your new one.

- Water
- Electricity
- Gas
- Trash
- Australian post
- Pay TV
- Telephone (home and wireless)
- Insurance companies (property, health)
- Educational facilities
- Child care and pet care
- Doctors, veterinarians, lawyers and other professional services
- Magazines, newspapers and other subscriptions
- Clubs and memberships
- Financial institutions: bank accounts, loans, credits cards, autopay services
- Auto finance company
- Department of Motor Vehicles
- Social Security Administration
- State/federal tax bureaus and the electoral roll
- Tax assessor

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## Quick tips



Color code each room in your new home, then pack and label your boxes to match their new location.



Include kids in your moving strategy: Let them plan their new bedroom and help you pack.



Use suitcases to pack clothes you'll need right away.



Your pets are moving, too: Keep water bowls, food, collars, leashes and licenses nearby along with a familiar toy to reduce their anxiety.



Keep essential items close on hand: Tape, scissors, utility knife, hand soap, dish soap, kitchen sponge, hand towels, cleaning supplies, garbage bags, toilet paper, flashlight, batteries, matches, emergency kits, snacks and beverages, cups and plates.



If possible, take a day or two to unpack and settle into your new home.

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