



- 10 Weeks**
- Book Removalist**  
Decide if you'll hire a removalist or do it yourself. Ask friends/family for recommendations and obtain estimates/hourly rates.
- Decide and De-clutter**  
Begin going through your belongings and decide what you don't want to take to your new house. Donate, recycle or sell what you no longer want.
- Use Up Food Supplies**  
Plan your meals around existing pantry and freezer supplies – the less food you have to pack, the easier it will be.
- Notify List**  
Start a list of people/businesses that need to be notified of your move. Pin the list to the fridge and add to it as you receive communication from someone.
- 8 Weeks**
- Boxes**  
Start collecting boxes and newspaper. Check Bunnings, eBay, Facebook community groups and Freecycle websites in an effort to pick up cheap or free boxes. Purchase new boxes in a variety of sizes from removalist or storage warehouses.
- Packing Supplies**  
Purchase bubble wrap, packing tape, utility knives, labels and permanent markers.
- Sheds and Garages**  
Clean out unwanted items and responsibly discard old paint tins, garden pots, broken tools etc. Consider how you'll deal with flammable items as the removalist company may not move these for you.
- 6 Weeks**
- Make a Start on Packing**  
Start packing cupboard items that are rarely used – the boxes can be stored in the bottom of the cupboards so they're out of the way. From here to moving day you should be packing whatever you can so there's no last minute panic. Linen, books, craft supplies, memorabilia, off season clothes are all items that can be packed early.
- Notify Providers**  
Decide if you'll be using the same gas, phone, electricity, internet company at your new address. Alert them to your moving date so final readings can be organised and services can be disconnected/connected on the date you require. Arrange for your house and contents insurance to be transferred to the new address.
- Pets and Children**  
Make arrangements for a friend or relative to look after your children during the move. Have someone take your pets for a day or two or book them into a boarding kennel so they aren't underfoot or stressed with the changes taking place.
- 2 Weeks**
- The Final Countdown**  
Packing should well and truly be underway. Ensure boxes are clearly marked so the removalist can place them in the correct rooms.  
Consider if you'll pack hanging clothes or lay them in the back seat of your car on moving day. Small clothes items such as jumpers, t-shirts, shorts, socks and underwear can be packed into suitcases if you have any.
- 1 Week**
- Avoid Cord Confusion**  
Take a photo of connected electronics such as your home entertainment centre so you know how to reconnect them.
- Valuables**  
Put all your valuables in a box that will travel with you. This might include important documents, banking records, jewellery, passports, backup drive of your computer files etc.

## Change of Address Checklist

- Friends/family
- Post office
- Financial institutions
- Superannuation funds
- ATO
- Medicare
- Doctors/dentist/specialists
- VicRoads
- Energy/communication providers
- Insurance companies
- Electoral Commission
- Centrelink
- Accountant
- Water provider
- Lawyer/solicitor
- Employer/school
- Eastlink/Citylink
- Veterinarian/Pet microchips
- Organ donation
- Loyalty programs/memberships
- Library
- Subscriptions

## Top Tip: Pack a Survival Kit

Start a box (or use your laundry basket) of items that will travel with you on moving day so they'll be on hand when you get to your new home. This box might include toiletries, slippers, a favourite toy for each child, toilet paper/tissues, kettle and coffee/tea supplies, bottle of water, snacks, utility knife and small toolkit.

