



Hints and tips to make your move easy

Here's a range of ideas to help you before, during and after the move.

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Before the move

Once you know you're moving house, there's a lot to get organised.

- > Create a list of everyone you'll need to notify of your new address.
- > Collect reusable boxes and packing materials early – try your local supermarket.
- > Use the opportunity to get rid of things you no longer use. Why not give them to charity?

Packing tips

A little clever packing can make your move run smoothly.

- > Start packing in advance. Consider packing a box a day for the month before.
- > Always label. The more information on the outside makes it easier to unpack.
- > Use towels or clothes to wrap your more valuable items. This reduces the number of boxes you need.
- > Too much in one box can be hard to carry and risk breaking the box.
- > Tape the bottom of boxes for extra strength.

Moving with kids

Kids can find moving fun, scary and tiring all at the same time. To make moving house easy for them, remember these handy ideas.

- > Get them involved. The more they can help, the better they'll feel about moving.
- > Take them to local parks or areas beforehand so they can familiarise themselves.
- > Pack an essentials bag for the kids so they have their favourite toys, snacks or clothing handy.
- > Ask friends or family to mind them when doing the shifting.

Moving with pets

Consider these tips when moving with pets.

- > Remember to register your pets with the local council.
- > Ensure that your pets' details are up-to-date/update their microchip details and ensure that the new contact number is on their tag.
- > Keep pet essentials handy for the move, such as water bowls, favourite treats or toys.
- > Avoid bringing pets to the new house until all the unpacking is done.

On moving day

Whether or not you're doing the move yourself, here are some clever ideas to make the move day easier.

- > Make sure you're ready. Especially if using removalists as they can charge by the hour.
- > Pack your truck well. Put all the big items in first and smaller items in all the gaps.
- > Keep the necessities like toiletries, wallets, medicines and personal items handy.
- > Pack a light lunch and a drink. You'd be surprised how a simple snack can help keep energy levels up.

After the move

Adjusting afterwards is also important. These tips should help you settle comfortably into your new home.

- > Find out your new rubbish and recycling days.
- > Try alternative driving routes to and from your house.
- > Investigate your local transport options.
- > Cut keys and give a spare set to someone you trust.
- > Visit the local restaurants for take-away menus.

Ready to get connected?

To organise your gas and electricity connections and disconnections, visit agl.com.au/Move or call **131 245**.