



Moving House Checklist and Tips

One Month to Moving Day

Over the month before your move, follow this moving checklist:

- If you're renting, give the landlord (or agent) notice in writing and book a final inspection date so you can recoup any bond paid
- Finalise and 'lock-in' your moving date (and settlement times if relevant) with your removalist
- Request time off-work for moving day, and perhaps the day prior as well
- List any precious, special or fragile items that need special handling during the move. Advise your removalist in case special protective packing or crating is needed. (Kent professionally move large objects like pianos or pool tables and custom wrap or build protective crates if required.)
- Arrange insurance for your belongings in case of loss or damage during transit (existing contents insurance is unlikely to cover all aspects of your move - Kent offers several **cost-effective insurance options**)
- Start packing because this is the most time-consuming part of your move and will take longer than you think. Refer to our **Moving House Packing Tips** if choosing to pack yourself. Alternatively, using your removalist's **professional packing service** will save time and trouble. (Time and cost-effective Kent packers will look after all or part of your packing and unpacking)
- Check manufacturer's moving instructions for large appliances like washing machines and fridges (to avoid damage, most front loaders require transit bolts fitted and ice makers should be drained)
- Create a change of address checklist, including all important contacts, like the electoral commission, tax office, roads authority, bank, insurance, accountant, lawyer, your employer and so on
- If you have pets, change their council registration details
- Collect all the keys to your current home, including any spares held by family members or friends
- Gas bottles and air cylinders should be certified empty, with valves open, and safely dispose of dangerous materials such as flammable liquids or paints (see our **Moving House Do's and Don'ts** for more information)

DIY moving packing tips:

- Decide which belongings you'll pack and which to leave for your removalist
- Most people run out of packing material (e.g. boxes, bubble wrap, tape, marker pens, small and large zip-lock bags) so always buy more than you think you'll need to avoid untimely shopping trips or making do (Kent has a big range of **inexpensive, high quality packing supplies**)
- Use clean, white paper (e.g. 'butcher's paper') for packing as newspaper will leave stains
- Number and label every moving box clearly, listing its contents, and create a colour code system to designate room destination for each box (use a different colour of marker or label for each room)
- Prepare a separate inventory list detailing box numbers and contents
- Start by packing the belongings you use least (e.g. books, CD/DVDs, items stored in the roof space or garage)
- Pack lighter items in bigger boxes and heavier items in smaller boxes
- Consolidate smaller objects that could go missing in a larger box
- Save on space by using vacuum seal bags for out-of-season clothing
- Pack things inside of awkwardly shaped items (e.g. baskets, laundry bins, suitcases) then pack these in larger boxes to secure and stack them more efficiently when moving
- Dismantle furniture that comes apart easily that you don't need before your move (Kent professional **ancillary moving services** include the disassembly/reassembly of your furniture)
- Place any removable hardware (e.g. screws, bolts) from dismantled furniture and other items in a small clear plastic bag or container. Tape bags to larger pieces or safely secure your bag or container elsewhere
- For additional advice, check out our separate **best packing tips** list.



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