

Destiny Removals - Moving Tips

Recommended way to use this document.

1. Print out and highlight the tips relevant to you and your move.
2. Mark 3 at a time to work through to completion, then mark the next 3 and so on ...

1. Questions to ask

Am I using a removalist?

- Book in well ahead of time if possible.

Am I packing up myself?

- If so, ask removalist for advice and suggestions.

Will I get the removalist to do some, or all of the packing?

- Contact removalist.

Are some or all of my belongings going to storage?

- Contact removalist or storage.

Am I taking everything or will I declutter?

- If culling, allow lots of time (months ahead)

Will I have a garage sale or give away?

- Organise either of these well in advance.

Will I clean the house myself or get a cleaner?

- Contact cleaner.

2. Who to contact and who to advise

- Furniture Removalist
- Storage
- 2nd hand shop, charities, recyclers, transfer station, tip - if decluttering.
- Electrician - for disconnection of installed-lights, fans, air conditioners etc...
- Mail and deliveries - Australia Post, groceries, subscriptions, papers, magazines, internet deliveries etc..
- Personal - Doctor, Health Insurance, Dentist, TAFE, social clubs, sporting clubs, gym.
- Children - Child care, school-transfer of records, collect medical and dental records.
- Pets - Vet, pet removals.
- Landlord or Solicitor - If renting or buying.
- Utilities - final readings and disconnect-electricity, gas, phone, water, etc, & reconnect.
- Financials - Banks, Credit Unions, Store accounts, your direct debit arrangements.
- Insurance - Home and contents, car, personal... and update if necessary.
- Car - Mechanic- records, book for service especially if driving interstate. Car transporters.
- Government -Tax department, Motor Registry-car rego & Licences, Electoral authority, Rates, Family allowance and Pensions, Medicare.

3. Do well ahead of move

Collect

Things being repaired, photos developed, clothing altered, dry cleaning, things lent to neighbours and friends.

Return

Library books, videos & DVD's, things borrowed from neighbours and friends.

Packing

Decluttering a house and packing up a house are 2 totally different things, only do the former if you have the time (a lot of) and patience to do it!

List the every day and essential items, you will need prior to, and during your move. Put these items aside so that they are not accidentally packed with your other goods.

If packing yourself :- collect or buy cartons, paper and tape.

To avoid being overwhelmed follow these steps:-

- Minimise disruptions, eg – phone calls, TV, unmotivated friends, kids...
- Get a good motivated friend to help (or not), music playing, set a time frame, get into it.
- Start packing non-essential items, work systematically, room by room.
- Put list of contents inside the box, mark the room and number on the outside of the box.
- Finish one room at a time, before moving on to the next room.

Other packing tips:-

- Dispose of prohibited items, flammable goods, garden chemicals etc in a safe way.
- Check in garden sheds, under the house, in the attic, so that nothing is left behind.
- Plan meals around the contents of your freezer and pantry – plan to use all up before moving day.
- Back up computer hard drive, etc. Ensure printer, scanner etc is prepared for transport.

Furniture

- Check that large furniture will fit into new home.
- Drain the water bed, or arrange to have it done.
- Seek advice on moving appliances- washing machine, fridge, freezer, dish washer...
- Disassemble items; trampoline, swing sets, cubby houses...tape together similar sized pieces.
- Dismantle any built in furniture, fixtures and fittings, and pre-fab furniture.

Documentation and Valuables

- Write out insurance estimate - if necessary.
- Put aside all valuables- jewellery, passports, money, licences, documentation...
- Put aside all moving related money and documentation, rental bond etc...

Children

- Arrange child minding on packing and moving days. (If necessary)
- If travelling a long distance have a plan!
- Collect the contact details of all their friends if moving out of the immediate area, (this can save a lot of tears)
- Collect any toys, books, games and belongings they have lent to friends.
- Return any toys, books, games and belongings they have borrowed from friends.

Pets

- Contact vet, pet movers, airline...
- Put a disk with your mobile phone no. on their collar.
- Take one of their favourite possessions to travel with.

4. A day or two before your move

Packing

- If packing yourself, ensure all cartons are packed, sealed and clearly labelled ready for collection.

Valuables, payments, bookings

- Keep all valuable jewellery, passports, important documentation, money, tickets etc, separate with you.
- Ensure all accommodation and travel arrangements are booked and confirmed.
- If paying for the removal yourself, please have a bank cheque or correct money ready for collection.

Appliances

- Empty, defrost and towel-dry your fridge and freezer and wipe over the inside using vanilla essence.
- Drain washing machine hoses.
- Disconnect stereo system and computer equipment. Tape all wires and leads together.

Gas cylinders and fuel

- Have any gas cylinders emptied professionally; your local garage may assist. Please do not do this yourself.
- Ensure that fuel is drained from lawnmowers, whipper snippers, etc.

Pets

- Have your pets ready to travel.

Last tasks - miscellaneous

- Collect laundry and anything else; get last few things completed.
- Create a removal survival kit:-
 - Kettle and coffee/tea ingredients
 - Water bottles
 - Tissues and toiletries
 - Small first aid kit
 - Light bulbs
 - cups, spoons, plates etc
 - snacks
 - medications
 - torch
 - paper towels etc...

5. On the day

- Strip beds and put linen in a separate box or bag, for easy access at new place.
- When last items are loaded onto truck, do one last check right through the house.
- Make sure you have all valuables and last minute things with you
- Make sure you have all sets of keys with you.
- Close all the windows and lock the doors. **Done!**

Footnote

Regardless of whether you move yourself, move with us here at Destiny Removals or use another removalist, we hope this document is of some help to you.

Thanks for visiting our website - we hope it all goes well for you and wish you all the best.