

# A calm move — start to finish

We've crafted a handy checklist to make your move feel effortless.

6+ WEEKS OUT

## 01 Plan & Book

Lock in the big decisions early — the calmest moves start here.

### BOOK YOUR MOVERS

- Book a moving company, or arrange a van or truck
- Confirm dates and timings at both addresses
- Check moving & contents insurance, or arrange transit cover
- Confirm truck access and parking at both ends

### DECLUTTER BEFORE YOU PACK

- Sort belongings to keep, donate, sell or recycle
- Book a charity pick-up or skip if needed

### IF YOU'RE RENTING

- Give your landlord written notice (at least 28 days)
- Photograph the property's condition for your bond

3-4 WEEKS OUT

## 02 Notify & Transfer

Tell the right people, and line up services at your new home.

### UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS

- NZ Post (mail redirection)
- Bank(s) & credit cards
- IRD
- Electoral roll
- NZTA — licence & vehicle
- Insurance — house, contents, car, health
- Local council (rates, animal registration)
- Doctor, dentist & pharmacy
- Employer / payroll
- Schools & childcare
- Subscriptions & deliveries
- Clubs & memberships
- Friends & family

### TRANSFER OR CANCEL SERVICES

- Power & gas — book final reading + new connection
- Water
- Internet & broadband — arrange early, can take weeks
- Phone & mobile — check coverage
- Sky / streaming TV
- Alarm monitoring
- Lawn & garden services
- Rubbish & recycling with new council

### SCHEDULE PROFESSIONAL CLEANING

- Book an end-of-tenancy or professional cleaner
- Book a carpet cleaner

1-2 WEEKS OUT

## 03 Pack with Care

*Methodical packing now saves hours at the other end.*

### PACK WITH CARE

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- Gather quality boxes, tape & labels
- Wrap and label fragile items
- Keep each box a manageable weight
- Label every box with contents & room
- Pack a first-night box — kettle, chargers, toiletries, bedding, snacks
- Keep valuables & key documents separate

### MOVING CAT

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- Organise a travel carrier
- Set aside a quiet, empty room before the move begins
- Arrange a sitter or quiet space for moving day

### DEFROST & CLEAN

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- Empty and clean out the fridge
- Defrost the freezer (around 24 hours ahead)

MOVING DAY

## 04 The Big Day

*Stay calm, work the list, and leave the house ready to hand over.*

### SETTLE THE CAT

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- Pop the cat in its quiet room before the movers arrive
- Take it to the new home; keep it in one room for a week or two

### APPLIANCES & READINGS

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- Disconnect and drain the washing machine
- Record final power, gas & water meter readings

### CHECK EVERY NOOK & CRANNY

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- Wardrobe tops, attic & basement
- Garage, shed & outdoor areas

### KEEP VALUABLES WITH YOU

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- Jewellery, money, passports & legal documents

### LEAVE IT READY

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- Leave manuals & warranties for the new owners
- Clean and tidy the house
- Turn off lights, hot water, gas & power
- Take out the rubbish
- Lock all doors and windows

### HAND OVER THE KEYS

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- Deliver keys to the agent or new owners

FIRST WEEK

## 05 Settle In

*A few small checks turn a new house into home.*

### SETTLE IN

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- Confirm power, water, gas & internet are connected and working
- Test smoke alarms and find the meter board & water shut-off
- Get house notes from the previous owners — alarm codes & heating