

# Top 10 Things to Prepare You for Moving House

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One of the big things that you can do to make the job easier for you is to have the professional assistance of Dundons Removals.

[www.dundonsremovals.com.au](http://www.dundonsremovals.com.au)

They will save you all that heavy lifting and running around which can really wear you down, so that you will end up feeling relaxed and comfortable when the move is over. Call Sean now at Dundons Removals.

The other important thing is preparation. The better prepared you are, the easier things will go.

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So here are the . . .

# Top 10 Things You Can Do to Prepare You for Moving

1. Arrange and confirm all details with your removalist well in advance
  - a. Always book well in advance to make sure your move goes smoothly
  - b. The time and energy you save using a professional removalist will more than compensate for the cost... and you might be surprised just how cheap it can be to have professional help
  - c. Go to [www.dundonsremovals.com.au](http://www.dundonsremovals.com.au)
  - d. Make sure you have the uplift and delivery dates correctly recorded
  - e. Be clear on who is doing the packing – you or them
2. Before packing have a big cleanout and get rid of stuff that you have not used in the last 6-12 months or more
  - a. Start this as soon as you know you are going to move, but at least 1 month in advance
  - b. This will make your move so much easier on the day because you won't be moving stuff that you may never use again
  - c. It will also make your new home more comfortable
  - d. There are plenty of charities that will take furniture, books, clothes, toys, household items, manchester, etc, that is in good condition
  - e. There are local markets where you can recycle your tra\$h into someone else's trea\$ure, and make some money too
  - f. There are websites where you can sell things that you no longer want – some of these you have to pay to list your item, such as ebay, and some are free, such as <http://brisbane.gumtree.com.au/c-SelectCategory>

- g. There are also websites where you can recycle your trash into someone else's treasure for free, such as <http://www.freecycle.org/group/AU/>
  - h. And there is also the wheelie bin for the rest. Get rid of any clutter you haven't used in a while... after-all, if you are not using it, why do you need to keep it and drag it around with you?
3. If you are packing
- a. Get boxes from your removalist or the local shops
    - i. Shops often throw out cardboard boxes that are perfect for packing and moving
    - ii. And when you are finished with the boxes, put them on freecycle for someone else to use
  - b. Have several rolls of masking tape and felt tip pens
  - c. Have newspaper or other wrapping and packing materials
  - d. Make sure that you clearly label each box with the Room and Contents, so you know where they go at the other end, e.g.
    - i. Kitchen – Glasses or En-suite – Cosmetics
  - e. Buy a trolley, preferably with pneumatic wheels. Autocheap have these are cheap to buy and they will save your back and your energy
  - f. Check what is covered by your household insurances, and that they are paid
4. Packing Tips
- a. Spread the weight around – put a mix of light and heavy things in each box, so that the boxes do not get too heavy
  - b. Always pack the heavy stuff on the bottom, and lighter, more fragile things at the top
  - c. Pack heavy items in smaller boxes so the overall weight stays low
  - d. Use plenty of packing inside the boxes, especially with breakable items such as crockery and glassware
  - e.
5. Are you renting?

- a. Make sure that you have allowed enough time to clear and clean the old place before your lease expires
  - b. Arrange for house cleaning
  - c. Arrange for carpet cleaning
  - d. Arrange for pest control, if required in your lease
  - e. Arrange any repairs that you know must be done
  - f. Arrange an exit inspection with the landlord or agent and get your bond release form signed on the spot – you can download this form on the internet  
[http://www.rta.qld.gov.au/eforms\\_section.cfm](http://www.rta.qld.gov.au/eforms_section.cfm)
  - g. Arrange an inspection of the new property before you move in so that you can note things that need fixing or cleaning before you move in
  - h. An easy way to do the inspection is with a video camera, or the video in your phone, but you will still have to fill out the required form as well
6. Cleaning
- a. Whether you are renting or not, the old place will need a good clean when you move out. And that is the last thing you want to be doing after moving house
  - b. Get a good rental bond cleaner to come and do it for you  
[www.jazzcleaning.com.au](http://www.jazzcleaning.com.au)
  - c. Allow a whole day for this, whether you do it or have someone do it for you. Seriously, a whole day!
  - d. If you are moving into a house that you have just purchased, check with your solicitor about a pre-settlement inspection, to make sure that everything is as you expected before you finally hand over the money for the new house
7. Cancel services at your house and get them connected at the new place
- a. Phone
  - b. Electricity
  - c. Gas
  - d. Internet

- e. Insurances
  - f. Gardening and lawn mowing
  - g. Garden rubbish bag collection
  - h. Cleaning and ironing
  - i. Mobile car wash
  - j. Wheely bin cleaning
8. Change your address for
- a. Newspaper deliveries
  - b. Milk deliveries
  - c. Grocery deliveries
  - d. Other deliveries, collections and services provided at your house
  - e. Friends and family – arrange the house warming party !!
9. Change you mailing address
- a. On your computer, type up and print the change of address letter at the end of this e-book and send to providers for your...
    - i. Credit cards
    - ii. Banks
    - iii. Car registration and drivers license
    - iv. Electoral Roll  
[www.aec.gov.au/Enrolling\\_to\\_vote/Update\\_enrolment.htm](http://www.aec.gov.au/Enrolling_to_vote/Update_enrolment.htm)
    - v. Medicare, ATO and other government agencies
    - vi. Professional services, such as accountant, dentist, doctor
    - vii. Magazines and other subscriptions
  - b. Arrange mail redirection at the Post Office
    - i. For a small fee, all mail sent to your old address will be intercepted and forwarded to your new address
  - c. Leave a note in a kitchen cupboard with your new address, so that the new occupants can forward any stray mail to you
  - d. If you move frequently, get a mailbox now so you can skip this step next time
    - i. Go to the Post Office or [www.mbe.com.au](http://www.mbe.com.au)
    - ii. Or make a list and keep it for next time
10. On packing day, remember to keep out things that you are going to need before you unpack the boxes again. You'd be surprised how

easy it is for these things to get packed into a box during the bustle of packing, like:

- a. Your wallet or purse
- b. Car keys
- c. A change of clothes
- d. Toiletries
- e. Toilet paper
- f. Some food and water
- g. Pen and paper
- h. Masking tape and felt tip pen
- i. Your mobile phone and charger
- j. Your laptop
- k. That novel you are half way through reading
- l. Cleaning equipment

11. On the day, get a babysitter to look after the kids. Unless they are old enough to chip in and help, this will make your job much easier

12. Pack everything. It's amazing how things get left behind, so remember to check inside of:

- a. The oven and dishwasher
- b. The garden shed out back
- c. The cupboard under the stairs
- d. In the attic or ceiling space
- e. Inside every cupboard and drawer in every room
- f. The garden – for hoses, pot plants, garden tools and ornaments
- g. Water fountains and lights
- h. Plants in the garden that you want to take a cutting off to plant at the new house

13. Pets

- a. If you are moving long distances and you have a pet, think about how you are going to relocate your pet with you
- b. There are specialist services for this – check online [www.dogmovers.com.au](http://www.dogmovers.com.au)
- c. Check with your airline if you are flying to your new home
- d. If you are driving, how will they travel in the car with you

14. Book a massage!
  - a. Believe it or not, moving house is one of the most stressful times of the year for you, so take good care of yourself
  - b. Do something to relax and unwind, and reward yourself for a job well done – you deserve it!
15. Keep the end result in mind
  - a. It's bound to get frustrating, so keep your end goal in mind

OK, so we came up with more than 10 things. Better safe than sorry.

We hope this list helps you to have a great move.

We'd love to hear from you if you come up with any ideas for preparation that we missed.

Now you can relax. You are well prepared and your move will go smoothly.

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## Notice of Change of Address

<today's date>

Dear Sir / Madam

Reference Number: <your account number>

Please note that as of the <date of your move> my/our new mailing address will be:

<your street>

<your suburb and postcode>

Please adjust your records effective from that date.

Yours truly,

<your name>