

Quick House Moving Checklist - 2025 Edition

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8 Weeks Before Moving – The Planning Phase

- ☐ Decide on your moving date.
- ☐ Check your lease notice period or sale settlement dates.
- ☐ Create a moving folder (digital or physical) to track quotes, receipts, and paperwork.

Research and Book a Removalist

- ☐ Compare quotes from at least 3 professional removalists.
- ☐ Ask about packing services, insurance, storage, and hidden charges.
- ☐ If moving interstate, confirm timelines and delivery dates.

6 Weeks Before Moving – Declutter and Sort

- ☐ Declutter Your Home
- ☐ Go room by room. Separate into keep, donate, sell, and discard.
- ☐ Hold a garage sale or list items on Facebook Marketplace or Gumtree.

Start Using Pantry and Freezer Items

- ☐ Begin eating food that won't travel well.
- ☐ Avoid bulk grocery shopping.

Update or Collect Important Documents

- ☐ Birth certificates, passports, school reports, medical and dental records.
- ☐ Ensure you have scanned copies saved online.

4 Weeks Before Moving – Notify and Organise

- ☐ Notify Change of Address
- ☐ Redirect your mail via Australia Post's moving house checklist.
- ☐ Update your address for -
 - ☐ Banks and credit cards
 - ☐ Insurance (home, car, health)
 - ☐ Subscriptions and memberships
 - ☐ Government services (ATO, Centrelink, Medicare)
 - ☐ Schools and universities

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Organise Utilities

- ☐ Book disconnection at the old address and reconnection at the new one:
- ☐ Electricity
- ☐ Gas
- ☐ Water
- ☐ Internet and phone
- ☐ Pay TV

Hire or Gather Packing Supplies

- ☐ Boxes of different sizes
- ☐ Packing paper, bubble wrap
- ☐ Packing tape and scissors
- ☐ Labels or permanent markers

2 Weeks Before Moving – Pack and Finalise

- ☐ Start with items you don't use daily: books, seasonal clothes, décor.
- ☐ Label boxes clearly by room and content.
- ☐ Create a priority “unpack first” box.

Organise Care for Pets and Kids

- ☐ Arrange babysitting or pet-sitting for moving day.
- ☐ Prepare pet travel crates and update pet microchip details.

Service Your Car (Especially for Long-Distance Moves)

- ☐ Confirm booking with removalist and cleaners.
- ☐ Arrange time off work if needed.

1 Week Before Moving – Final Prep

- ☐ Leave out essentials like toiletries, chargers, and minimal clothing.
- ☐ Pack a “first night” box

Defrost the Freezer

- ☐ Unplug and clean your fridge and freezer 48 hours before moving.

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Dispose of Hazardous Materials

- ☐ Properly get rid of items like paint, gas bottles, and chemicals that removalists won't carry.

Create a Detailed Inventory of Your Belongings

- ☐ Now is the time to document your items clearly. Here's how:
- ☐ Photograph high-value items (TV, electronics, artwork, antiques) from multiple angles.
- ☐ Make a list of the box contents for each room
- ☐ Label boxes with priority levels (e.g., "Open First," "Fragile")

Moving Day – The Big Move

Early Morning Checklist

- ☐ Pack remaining essentials (toothbrush, kettle, phone charger).
- ☐ Turn off all appliances and switches.
- ☐ Take final meter readings (gas, electricity, water).
- ☐ Lock all doors and windows.

Coordinate with the Movers

- ☐ Walk them through the house.
- ☐ Highlight fragile or priority boxes.
- ☐ Provide a clear path for moving items.

Keep Essentials With You

- ☐ Personal ID and documents.
- ☐ Medications and valuables.
- ☐ Laptop, phone, and charger

Conduct a Final Walkthrough

- ☐ Look in all cupboards, behind doors, and garages.
- ☐ Ensure nothing is left behind.

After the Move – Settling In

- ☐ Focus on the kitchen, bathroom, and bedrooms.
- ☐ Use your "unpack first" boxes for a smooth start.

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Reconnect Utilities and Internet

- ☐ If not already done, contact providers for any setup issues.

Re-register Your Address

- ☐ Update your electoral roll, driver's license, and any state registrations. If you're in Victoria, follow the moving house checklist Victoria for specific state-based tasks.

Check Mail Redirection Is Working

- ☐ A simple hello goes a long way in starting off on the right foot.

Do a Safety Check

- ☐ Test smoke alarms
- ☐ Check locks and alarms
- ☐ Identify emergency exits