

HOME MOVING GUIDE

Finding and owning your dream home is exciting – but the process of actually moving can be stressful, there are so many things to prepare and remember! Don't worry – we're here to help. Here's a guide to making your move a lot less stressful...

FIRST STEPS

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- Confirm the date you will be vacating your current premises and moving into your new home
- If you're moving towns or there's a period in between homes, you may need to arrange alternative accommodation and furniture storage facilities.
- Get quotes from a removal company and confirm your booking. Removal companies are always busier over month-end and weekends, so if you can arrange a mid-month or mid-week removal, you might be able to negotiate a cheaper rate.

ONE MONTH TO MOVING DAY



Notify service providers of your new address. These are some of the ones to remember:

- Cell phone provider
- Banks and financial institutions
- Insurance companies (car and household insurance)
- Security company
- SARS
- Subscriptions (newspapers, magazines)
- Schools your children attend
- Veterinary clinic - to update your pets microchip information
- Online shopping portals
- SABC – TV license
- Vehicle registration
- Voter registration – your new location may require you to change your voting station



Do the necessary paperwork to transfer key services

- Telephone
- Wi-fi / internet
- Electricity & water



- If you're renting, go through your lease agreement and make sure you have attended to everything that needs to be done before you leave, so that your landlord will not withhold your deposit for any reason.

IN CASE YOU FORGET SOMETHING...



1 – 2 WEEKS TO MOVE DAY



Notify service providers of your new address. These are some of the ones to remember:

- If you're moving yourself, you'll need to arrange boxes and packing material. Otherwise arrange to get these in advance from the removal company.
- Get stickers and marker pens so you can clearly label each box with contents and the room it must go to.
- Start sorting through what you want to keep and what can be given or thrown away. Moving is a great opportunity to get rid of the clutter we all seem to accumulate, and there are charities that are always happy to be given household goods that they can sell to generate funds!
- Start packing things that you don't use on a daily basis. Leave the items you need daily to the last day.
- Take a picture of your electronics before you pack them up. It can be quite a task to plug up your electronics the proper way in your new home. Taking a picture of the electronics prior to moving them will help you install them appropriately when you get to your new home.
- Create a couple of "Day 1" boxes which contains all the essential items you'll need on the first night in your new home. See our special notes on this below.
- Separate valuables such as jewellery and important documents to transport yourself.
- Arrange to have your current home cleaned thoroughly – so the new residents have a clean home to move into. Make sure the exiting residents of your new home do the same, or arrange to have this done yourself before you move in.
- Make special arrangements for your pets to be transported and looked after during the day of the move, they will be stressed by the move and gates and doors will be open – you don't want them running away. They will need to be specially looked after until they settle into your new home.

ON MOVE DAY



- Organise exchange of keys and remote controls. Some people like to change the locks at their new home for security purposes.
- Inspect your current home to ensure everything is in good condition for the new homeowners.
- Before leaving, check that everything is locked/shut/switched off/disconnected

DAY ONE ESSENTIALS



BOX 1: BEDROOM ESSENTIALS

Pack and clearly label a box that has everything you'll need for the first night in your new home. Fresh bed linen, pillows, towels, blankets or duvets. You may want to hang curtains in the bedroom straight away – so plan for this if you think you'll need to. Add your basic toiletries, a bath mat, shower curtain and a bath plug. Don't forget to add a few rolls of toilet paper - and some adhesive plasters for any paper cuts or bumps!



BOX 2: KITCHEN ESSENTIALS

The items you packed up last will probably be the items you need first in your new home! If you've marked that clearly, you can unpack that first – but it's helpful to have an emergency kitchen box too. Include a few plastic or paper plates and cups, cutlery, paper towels, a sharp knife and chopping board, some cleaning items such as washing liquid, dish towels, a broom and some basic DIY tools such as a hammer, scissors, screw driver, nails or screws. Add a roll of garbage bags so you can dispose of any take-away meal containers used during the move.