



When it's time to move in

Your checklist

Moving into your new home is an exciting time. And with so much to plan for, it's also a very busy time. For over 125 years, Peet have helped thousands of first home buyers move into their first home. As you'd expect, we've gathered plenty of knowledge and experience along the way.

Here's a checklist we'd recommend using for a stress-free moving day.

Leading up to moving day

- Book in annual leave if you need to – give yourself plenty of time to settle.
- If you're using movers, book them in early. Ask around to ensure you're picking a reputable, reliable moving company. Source quotes from at least two companies so you're aware of the costs involved upfront, and you're comfortable that you're getting the best deal.
- Order packing boxes. Before you buy them:
 1. Ask friends/family who have recently moved whether they have any leftover boxes in good condition.
 2. Check to see if anyone you know is able to source boxes from their place of work. Many businesses discard packaging every day!
 3. Try your local supermarket or green grocer – the products they sell are often delivered in boxes that are perfect for packing.
- Give notice to your landlord or property manager – make sure it's in writing.
- Book cleaners/carpet cleaners for your rental property.
- Book the final inspection of your rental property.
- Arrange care for the big day for pets and children.
- The phrase 'many hands make light work' is certainly true for moving house. Call friends and family and see if they're free and willing to lend a hand on the big day.
- Declutter – don't pack anything that you don't love or you haven't used in the last six months to one year. Consider donating or selling unwanted items.
- Start packing! Label all boxes clearly and use a ranking system to mark them in order of unpacking importance.
- Collate all of your important documents and store them in water-proof folders.

- Create a moving caddie with:
 1. A copy of this checklist and a pen!
 2. Scissors
 3. Keys
 4. Sharpie
 5. Packing tape
 6. Stanley knife
 7. Hammer
 8. Allen keys
 9. Screws
 10. Nails
 11. Toilet paper
 12. Water bottle
- Inform banks, schools, insurance providers, mobile phone and other utility providers of your change of address. Arrange mail redirection with Australia Post just in case there's anything you've forgotten to update!
- Cancel or re-direct any ongoing subscriptions or services such as newspaper deliveries or lawn mowing.
- Set up utilities at your new home:
 - Y/N Gas
 - Y/N Electricity
 - Y/N Home phone
 - Y/N Internet
- Do an online grocery order to be delivered to your new home on moving day. That way you'll have all of the essentials ready-to-go. You might want to sneak a bottle of bubbles or two into the order, so it's chilled and so you can celebrate on your first night.

- Plan out the furniture placement in your new home so you know exactly where to place an item when it arrives. This saves double-handling and can also help you identify any new furniture items you may need. Make a list of anything you need to buy, this could include new whitegoods.

On moving day

- Ask one of your helpers to be in charge of drinks and snacks for everyone. Keeping fed and well-hydrated during the day is always a good idea.
- Remember to let your helpers know about your box labelling and ranking system – that way they know where to put the boxes as they unload them off the truck.
- Unpack kitchen and make beds first.
- Unpack right the first time. Throwing things into the cupboard just to get them out of boxes is not a good strategy. It's unlikely you'll ever come back and re-organise it once it's packed away!
- Do a final inspection of your rental property, ensure you've packed everything (check back of wardrobes!) and take a final utility reading before leaving.
- And finally, relax. Don't rush the unpacking process. Do one room at a time completely, starting with the kitchen. As long as the beds are made and you've got something to eat, there's no reason to hurry!

