

Moving House in New Zealand Checklist



If you've read our guide on the Moving House Process, or simply done a bit of research you know there's quite a lot involved with moving house. We've collated some of the super important stages into a really handy checklist below!

Look at potential houses

Location close to what I need?

Good parking?

Private?

Enough space for the family and pets?

Good access?

Sunlight throughout the day?

Within our budget including any additional travel, insurance and utilities expenses?

Security features like alarm and secure locks?

Heating, ventilation, cooling features?

Can I cook in this kitchen?

Good water pressure in the shower/bath?

Arranging the move

Called at least 3 moving companies for quotes?

Investigated cost of van/truck rental to move myself?

Contacted my power company about the move?

Advised my broadband, phone and subscription TV services about the move?

Any scheduled delivery/pickup services like bins and newspapers have been informed?

Address changes made for all companies that send me correspondence? Banks, insurance, council, finance, Inland Revenue, etc?

Confirmed moving date?

Packing

Donated, sold or recycled any unwanted items before packing?

Purchased sufficient boxes, high quality packing tape, markers and soft wrap?

Organised how many boxes needed per room?

Packed smaller, breakable items into more compact, secure boxes with bubble wrap?

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Garage and shed emptied out?

Packing of non-essential items started well before move date?

All boxes marked with clear description of contents and what room they are destined for at the new house?

Mattresses, bed bases, couches and other furniture with fabric have been wrapped in plastic?

Pre move in

All chattels are working – oven, dishwasher, heat pump etc.

Any previously unnoticed damage to the property? If renting, pictures taken of this and acknowledged on tenancy agreement?

Confirmed the previous occupants will be out by the time we start moving in?

Day of the move

Everyone has plenty of food and water throughout the day.

Movers know the plan – which items to move first, to where.

People stationed at both old and new homes to help coordinate moving and unpacking.

Movers or strong people in my group are on heavy stuff – ensure no one over exerts their lifting capability!

Power on at new place? How about broadband?

Any rental vehicles are filled up with fuel before returning to rental place?

Done all the cleaning required in the empty old place? Vacuuming, wiping down surfaces, bathroom disinfected?

Coordinated with the agent or landlord of the old place to hand back keys, garage door opener etc?

Moved in

Unpacked everything into its place.

Checked all utilities and addresses have changed over.

Met the neighbours?

Relax!

Head over to our detailed guide [The Moving House Process](#) on Powershop's website. If you have any other useful moving tips why not let us know and we can share with other readers.