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— Tips for — MOVING HOUSE

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Planning the move?

Moving house is an exciting time and making sure that you're well organised will help keep it that way.

Sorting a game plan ahead of time will ensure that the process is as streamlined as possible. Here are a few handy tips to get you on your way!

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4 WEEKS AHEAD OF THE MOVE



- Sort through your things - take this opportunity to do a full spring clean, sell or giveaway any of your unwanted items.
- Make sure your fibre and internet services are booked for change over at least 4-6 weeks prior to your move.
- Let the post shop know your new address for mail redirection and send out change of address cards.
- Ensure all your important documents are accounted for and stored safely.
- Notify your insurance company and cancel, amend or transfer all policies (contents, house, car etc).
- Advise the IRD, electoral office, your lawyer, local clubs etc of your soon to be new address.
- If moving overseas, ensure all passports, visas, travel bookings and accommodation are finalised.

2 WEEKS AHEAD OF THE MOVE



- If you are using a removal company, confirm your moving and packing dates.
- If moving yourself, obtain a supply of boxes, packing tape and marker pens.
- Arrange the cancellation or transferral of your current gas, phone and power services.
- Return things you have borrowed and collect things you have loaned.

1 WEEK AHEAD OF THE MOVE



- Cancel any delivery services you may have such as newspapers, magazines, subscriptions, food deliveries.
- Remove food from fridge and freezers and defrost at least 24 hours before moving.
- Collect any laundry or dry cleaning.
- Set aside things you need on the day such as food, drinks, cleaning products, scissors etc.
- Make suitable arrangements for pets (and children!).
- Water all your indoor plants well, 2 or 3 days before the move.
- Confirm that services for your new home are organised such as internet, power, gas etc.

Moving day!



- The big day has arrived! Usually this will be a Friday to allow you to set yourself up in your new home over the weekend.
- Make sure you leave your previous home clean and tidy for the next owners - just as you would like it to be in your new home.
- Leave a set of keys with your solicitor or agent and the rest on the kitchen bench when you leave.
- Once you have keys to your new home (usually after settlement has taken place), have someone meet the movers to check that nothing has arrived damaged and to advise where you want everything placed in the home.

Enjoy your new home and well done from the gold team!