



7 Things You Must Do Before Moving.

Or: “How to avoid breakages, stress and save money.....” by Niel Adams.

Hi There!

As my Dad used to tell me..... well, he actually is still telling me: “Nothing more important than being prepared before you move” , so I would like to share with you some of the hints and tips my family and I have come across over the past 50+ years of being in the business.

Here goes.....

1. Using the correct boxes is essential. Removalist boxes are stronger and far easier to move. Small supermarket type boxes are fragile and are extremely hard to stack. Too often valuable belongings become damaged in fragile boxes. You would not believe some of what the customer thought was a ‘sturdy box’. The last thing you want the day after moving is have stress about broken items. Don’t risk it! We have the correct boxes for your move available for either purchase or hire. **Easy!**

2. You will need to know where in the house your furniture items are to be located. Measure your furniture and have a plan for it in each room. Good planning will make the job of unpacking so much easier. No need to move the items around the house after we leave. We have heard of family members being more exhausted than the removalists days after moving because everything ended up in the wrong rooms or the garage because there was no plan in place. Don’t be one of those people.

3. Try and keep your box weights below 25 kg. Books need to be packed in specialised book cartons which are smaller in size than standard cartons. When packing breakables it is a good tip to use either towels or scatter cushions at the top and bottom of your boxes. Pack plates vertically as they are stronger in a vertical fashion. Extremely fragile items should be wrapped in bubble wrap. The use of butcher's paper is the paper of choice for all other breakables.

4. Clearly label your boxes. Your box should have the room that you want it located in and a small description of its contents which will make life easier to find the items you require in a hurry. An extremely organised person will have each box numbered and a separate list of each box number with a detailed contents list. The more preparation the easier that unpack. If the process of packing is too daunting then please enquire about our packing service during the quotation period.

5. Notify your neighbours of your moving day. It is vitally important that there is adequate space for the truck to park. If in a unit complex, your neighbours may need to make arrangements to move their cars from the garages so they are not blocked in. You never know they might want to give you a send-off.

6. Small children and animals can be an unwanted distraction on moving day. Organising a babysitter and a family friend for the animals will relieve a great deal of stress.

7. That last box scenario. On the day of the move you should only have out the kettle, tea/coffee, sugar, toaster etc. The absolute essentials should be in it. It should also include a medical kit, paper plates, plastic cutlery, a couple of coffee mugs and some snacks. These simple items will be your lifeline during the day and the next morning. You will also need an esky to pack your last few fridge items. Run your fridge down to the bare essentials during the weeks prior to moving. All of these items should fit comfortably in your esky. We will put the fridge on last so that it comes off first. Your fridge items will then be able to be relocated back into your fridge without them going off. It is a good idea to organise take away on the evening of your move as you will be too tired to provide your family with anything else

Sincerely,

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