



# Your Bayleys moving guide

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# Preparing to move

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Moving into your new home can be exciting but extremely busy. Offering a fresh start in a brand-new neighbourhood, there are many things to consider, most of which can be easily managed with the right help and a thorough checklist.



## Pre-move preparation

When moving house, planning is key. Sleeping on things like hiring removal specialists or setting up utilities at the last minute can result in delays come moving day, which can take the sheen off a very exciting time.

- Ensure you have clarity on your moving dates just in case you need to organise temporary accommodation and storage. Obtain storage facility quotes to ensure fair value.
- Create packing lists by room to estimate logistical requirements and storage.
- Take photos of intricate cables like televisions and internet to make reinstallation easier.
- Measure large/bulky furniture items, taking note of height and width.
- Measure the doorways of your new home to ensure furniture can fit where desired.
- Draw a floorplan of your new home to play around with furniture placement.
- Ensure your new driveway offers access for a small truck or moving van. If not, contact your local council to reserve street parking.
- Moving offers the perfect opportunity to declutter. Donate unwanted items to local schools or charities, or sell through virtual marketplaces and community groups.



## Packing tips

Bayleys' top eight tips for packing will make your move less stressful and certainly more efficient.

1. **Early start:** Beginning your packing process as early as possible and in stages, rather than all at once will alleviate moving-day fatigue and help to avoid any unwanted surprises.
2. **Collect boxes:** Buying boxes can be expensive, especially when you have to pack up a whole house. Visiting grocery and electronics stores to ask for unwanted boxes in the lead up to your move can be a win-win for the business and for you. Ensure boxes are sturdy and reinforced at the bottom.
3. **Fill it up:** Broken items might seem like an inevitable part of moving, but they don't have to be. Fill boxes with shredded newspaper to cushion any soft drops. Extra-fragile items are best labelled and individually wrapped.
4. **Bubbly:** No not the fizzy stuff, having a roll of bubble wrap on-hand can be an item-saver come moving day. Again, you might want to start collecting this in the lead up to your move.
5. **Labels:** Labelling boxes by room or item is a sure timesaver when it comes to unpacking your new home. If using a commercial removal company writing your name and phone number on boxes may also save unfortunate mix-ups.
6. **Non-essential:** You might love your books but you probably don't need them the week before you move. Pack non-essential items like these before moving day to reduce stress and cut down your workload.
7. **Don't box the bulk:** Boxing heavy or oddly-shaped items can be a timewaster. Instead, why not bubble wrap and move them separately to avoid damage? The best weight for boxes is between 15-20 kilograms.
8. **Get help:** If you have a lot of furniture or little time, save yourself the hassle and hire removal specialists. They can help you to pack items safely and properly while letting you enjoy more moving excitement and less of the stress.



## Your moving checklist

Bayleys' definitive guide to moving house.

### Six weeks before your move:

- Seek quotes from removal companies
- Book a date and time for your move
- Prepare an inventory of everything you'll take with you to your new home

### Four weeks before your move:

- Book a cleaner for your old home
- Get rid of unwanted items, donating them to community groups or local charities, friends and family
- Familiarise yourself with your new neighbourhood and its amenities
- Ensure your new house is pet-friendly if you are taking an animal with you
- Start to pack non-essential items room-by-room, label boxes clearly
- If basic maintenance is required on your old house, plan these, as painting and cleaning will be easier in an empty home

### Two weeks before your move:

- Collect packing boxes and bubble wrap from local retailers
- Notify and update your address details with the relevant people and businesses; mail redirection, electoral commission, bank, IRD, insurance company, school, subscriptions and local council

### A week before your move:

- Transfer/cancel gas and power, arrange a final meter reading
- Transfer/cancel telephone and internet connection
- Discontinue water services, arrange a final reading
- Transfer/disconnect satellite television
- Transfer alarm monitoring services
- Transfer newspaper delivery services
- Cancel garden maintenance services
- Confirm the date and time of the move with your removal company
- Confirm moving in/out details with your Bayleys salesperson
- Stock up on packing tape
- Continue to pack non-essential items, be careful not to overfill boxes or make them too heavy to carry

- Check insurance details to understand what you're covered for while moving house
- Ensure chattels sold with your old home stay behind and are not accidentally packed
- Photograph intricate cables
- Arrange day-care for your children or pets to minimise additional stress
- Prepare a box for the first night in your new home, this might include towels, bedding and crockery for every member of your family
- Say goodbye to neighbours

### The day prior:

- Clean out the fridge and defrost the freezer
- Clean the stove and oven
- Sweep and tidy the yard
- Disconnect all appliances
- Set aside important items necessary for moving day such as food, drinks, cleaning products

### Moving day:

- Disconnect the washing machine and drain water
- Check all surfaces including the tops of wardrobes for forgotten belongings
- Keep jewellery, money, passports and legal documents with you
- Leave instruction manuals and important documents on the bench of your old home
- Ensure your old home is clean and tidy for its new owners, be sure to remove all rubbish
- Turn off lights, hot water, gas metre and power
- Lock the door behind you, leave keys with your salesperson or as arranged

### At your new home:

- Double-check everything at the property is in order and meets the terms of your sale and purchase agreement
- Check gas, electricity, hot water and telephone connections have been switched on
- Check locks and alarms, arrange to have locks and systems updated if you are concerned about safety
- Teach children how to get to their new school
- Look after your pets, keep them inside a fenced area until they get used to the area and your new home
- Update your will - this is a good idea whenever your financial circumstances change
- Celebrate! Congratulations, we hope you have a wonderful, happy life at your new home.

