





15. Fix or hire a handyman for any necessary repairs required, in your old as well as your new home;
16. If you're are leasing your old home, arrange a property inspection, take photos of any damage or general wear & tear, and arrange to get your bond back;
17. Collect dry cleaning if you're moving out of the area;
18. Book time off work if you're moving on a workday;
19. If you have bought your new home, arrange an inspection the day before you settle to check everything looks and works as it should;
20. If you don't have a small bar fridge to keep your perishables cold/frozen on moving day, make sure you have a large esky and lots of ice;
21. Create a box with all the things you will need on the first night/morning, such as bed linen, towels, medication, phone chargers and teabags. Make sure it has everything you need if there any problems. For example, our first removalist turned up on moving day, in pouring rain, with no roof (it had blown off in a storm the day before)!
22. The evening before or the morning of the move: Defrost and empty your fridge and tape the door shut; Don't forget to check the tops of cupboards, your garden, shed and garage for anything you may have forgotten; and return all keys to the real estate agent.


### *After the move*

1. Make the beds;
2. Check all utilities are connected, the lights work, and the hot water is on;
3. Settle children and pets with familiar items for reassurance;
4. Check that nothing was broken or went missing during the move;
5. Check the gas and electricity meter readings;
6. Make your new home baby/child-proof if you have any children, especially if there are stairs or balconies;
7. If you purchased your new home, and even if you don't have children, bolt all your big, heavy furniture to the wall;
8. Go furniture shopping for anything you need and build the furniture if it's not already assembled;
9. Do any repairs or renovations if required, such as painting, floorboards, bathroom tiles, blinds etc;
10. Once you've unpacked, advertise your moving boxes on your local Facebook group, for someone else to utilise;
11. Consider rekeying the locks;
12. Get a spare set of keys cut and add a lockbox, hidden near your front door;
13. Don't forget to put your own mark on your new home, such as adding a feature photo wall;
14. Introduce yourself to your new neighbours and explore your neighbourhood.
