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<p>One month before the move</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Plan your moving budget <input type="checkbox"/> Gather moving supplies - e.g. newspapers, bubble wrap, boxes, tape, scissors, rope/string <input type="checkbox"/> Start packing items that will not be used before the move – label boxes with their contents and the room to which it will be delivered. Write 'fragile' on the boxes needing extra care <input type="checkbox"/> Place legal, medical, and insurance records in a safe and accessible place <input type="checkbox"/> Collect items you no longer want to keep and give them to the local charity, or have a garage sale, or take them to the dump <p><i>Notify people/companies of your new address:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All your friends and family <input type="checkbox"/> Banks, insurance companies, and other financial institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Inform doctors, dentists, schools and other service providers <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper and magazine subscriptions, credit cards <input type="checkbox"/> Inform your insurance company of the settlement date, ask if moving is covered and arrange insurance for your new home <input type="checkbox"/> Fill out Australia Posts redirection of mail form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Find new homes for any plants that are not being relocated <input type="checkbox"/> Start using any frozen food and perishable goods <input type="checkbox"/> Organise child care for the day of the move if necessary <input type="checkbox"/> Moving can be very traumatic for pets – arrange to have someone look after them the day before and day after move <p>The week of the move</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pack all essential items and have all boxes clearly labeled <input type="checkbox"/> Drain fuel from lawn mower, empty gas cylinders/bottles <input type="checkbox"/> Collect any dry cleaning, and return any library books or videos/DVDs <input type="checkbox"/> Use or dispose of any food you will not be taking with you <input type="checkbox"/> Notify electricity, gas, water and phone companies of the date of disconnection <p>Change your address on your Drivers Licence at the RTA</p>	<p>The day before the move</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Defrost your freezer, empty and clean out your refrigerator <input type="checkbox"/> Do the laundry <input type="checkbox"/> Pack your last couple of boxes <input type="checkbox"/> Pack a small moving bag to keep with you containing the following: snacks, water, mobile phone, wallet, first aid items, wet weather gear, tape, keys, change for road tolls if required, and emergency phone numbers <input type="checkbox"/> Make sure that sheets and pillowcases are easily accessible to make beds for your first night in your new home <input type="checkbox"/> Advise gas, water, electricity and phone of your new residence and supply a connection date <p>On the day</p> <p>It's good to have a box of essentials to hand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors and knives <input type="checkbox"/> Masking tape <input type="checkbox"/> Bubble wrap, old newspapers and rags, for packing <input type="checkbox"/> Address book and contact numbers <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper and toiletries, nappies <input type="checkbox"/> Garbage bags and cleaning products <input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments <p>At your New Home</p> <p>In your new home, make sure to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Check the locks, burglar and smoke alarms in your new home as soon as possible <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure your house and garden are child-safe. If there is a pool, check that it is properly fenced. Is the yard safe? What about the medicine cabinet? Are there household chemicals that children would have access to? <input type="checkbox"/> You may wish to have new locks fitted <input type="checkbox"/> Register to vote in your new electorate
<p><i>This checklist is a guide only and not should not be relied upon as a comprehensive checklist</i></p>	