



TIPS & TRICKS - *To keep cost and stress levels to a minimum!*

*One of the most frequently asked questions is of course...**"how much will it cost"**? Well, the cost of any move is generally estimated by how long we anticipate the move to take, therefore your level of preparation prior to our arrival and on the day will play a role on the final bill. Here are some tips to save you time, stress and money.*

1 PREPARATION

- **Start packing early.** A couple of boxes a day in the run up to your move and before you know it **the whole house is done.**
- **Decluttering** is one of the best ways to assist us. If we can concentrate on moving the larger, heavy, more awkward items, then the process of moving tends to be **far quicker therefore cheaper for you.** If you are in a position to do so, why not make a few trips between addresses yourself? Fill the car with the smaller looser items or make sure these items are packed into boxes. Moving house is like a big game of Tetris. The bigger and easier the blocks, the quicker we fill the space!
- **Get a good night sleep.** Clear your diary so you can concentrate on the job in hand. Be prepared for a disruptive day and try to **take a positive approach to the move.** Moving should be an exciting day, you are moving into a new home. It's a new chapter and with the right attitude and organisation, **it can be a fun day.**

2 CLEARANCE

- **Dump or donate** any unwanted items. Why pay to move it when you don't want it or even use it.
- **Avoid doing full grocery shop** in the run up to your move. Get creative with those purchases at the back of your cupboards.



3 ON THE DAY

- **Call in some favours...** Unlike with some other companies, we have no problem with you, your family or friends assisting with the move. **We want the whole experience to be a pleasurable one** and as they say, “many hands make light work”.
- **Feel free to move items** towards the primary exit of the house. Moving house is a sequence of “5-6 minute jobs” but 10 of these is an hour and the hours add up.

4 PROPERTY ACCESS

- **Where we park makes a major difference** to how long the job takes. If parking is restricted then please make space for us, so we can get as close to the property as possible, further reducing time.
- If you have lift access at either end of your move, **try to organise for the lift to be isolated**. In many instances management can provide a key. Sharing the lift with a full block of apartments can significantly add to the length of the job and hit the pocket hard.

5 HAZARD

- Where possible **make arrangements for the kids or family pets** to be elsewhere on the day of your move. We love them but moving some items can be hazardous.
- **Please avoid watering pot plants** before your move. Not only will it add to their weight and make them more difficult and slower to move, but the water can run, causing damage to other items in the truck.

6 PACKING

- **Use quality boxes**, ideally of the same sizes, to pack the remaining home contents. We accept that there is additional expense in buying packing materials, but the best way to save in the long run, is to get the removalists in and out as quickly as possible.
- **Do not over/under pack boxes**. Please clearly mark them, so we can place them in the relevant places, at the delivery address



- Leave the sheets to **protect your mattresses**. You can clean a sheet but cleaning a mattress is more difficult. As a best option you can also buy from us some protective covers that will keep them as new.

7 FURNITURES

- We ask that **all items be removed** from chests of drawers, wardrobes and shelving. We accept that it would be easier for you to leave the contents in, but not only does it add weight, it can lead to the collapse of the furniture.
- **Try to disassemble as much of the furniture** requiring so, as possible. If you are uncomfortable doing so or would prefer not to then that's ok but if you have the time and the capability, then this is a great way to help us do our job more quickly and **save you some money**.
- **Tape up** drawers and any other furniture with doors. You can also tape the bed slats or any shelves together. Be sure to use non-stick tape to avoid marking.

8 APPLIANCES

- **Leave items in the fridge/freezer until the end of the packing process.** These items are loaded on towards the end of the truck to avoid products going warm or defrosting. It is useful to have an Esky to transport the items once they need emptying.
- **Please avoid using the washing machine** the night before your move. Why not unplug the machine and undo the hoses too? This will help with time and also avoid the risk of any water running in the truck.
- **Remove all wiring** from the back of **TV's** and any other electrical appliances.

9 FINAL CLEANING

- Try to create time for yourself. If you can **retain access to the property until after you have moved** into your new property, then this will make life easier. Cleaning and other chores can then be done when you are more relaxed.