

Hints on Moving Home



The hourly rate system is always the cheapest way to move a short distance. This system eliminates a lot of the overheads normally incurred with fixed priced moves. Even more savings can be made by reducing the amount you have your removalist do.

At **MiniMovers**, we give you the total freedom to do as much as you want: the more you do, the lower the cost. However, our **MiniMovers** crews are available to help you with any moving need. If you want us to, we can take care of your entire move: from having **RemovalBoxesToYou.com** supply you with quality packing materials, to pre-packing with our CarePack service, to moving all your goods (including heavy items such as pianos), to dismantling and reassembling furniture, to disconnecting and reconnecting electrical items, to unpacking your goods after the move.

These hints will assist you in preparing your short distance **MiniMovers** move, so your moving time will be reduced – saving you \$\$\$.

- 1. Planning.** You are hiring our equipment, expertise and labour. Use it where you have to. Take into consideration your physical capabilities and the amount of time you can spare. Good planning and preparation will save you money!
- 2. Pre-packing.** Almost everyone underestimates the pre-packing time needed to pack small items. If packing yourself, start well before the moving date and check out our “Hints on packing your small items” sheet. You can also view our video, *Packing & Moving Made Easy*. Our packing hints are designed to help you pack properly. Unfortunately our “No Damage Guarantee” does not cover items that you have packed yourself. If you are concerned by this, and want your small items covered, then call us and we can send a professional CarePack pre-packer, who will pack whatever you need.
- 3. Items to empty.** Wardrobes and desk drawers must be emptied. Chests of drawers need to have breakable, loose small items, and any heavy items, removed. Light clothing may remain. Never tape drawers shut. As a rule, furniture with doors must be emptied. Gas bottles and equipment such as lawnmowers must be empty before we can carry them.
- 4. Pack in good boxes.** Lots of small “open” boxes (that can not be stacked) take a lot longer to move than goods packed in proper sized boxes. On the other hand, using boxes so large that they become “overweight” can dramatically slow down the moving process. Using proper removalist boxes will not only help ensure a safe “no damage” move, but it also speeds up your move.
- 5. Reduce the number of items.** Moving your small items yourself will reduce **MiniMovers**’ moving time. However, doing many **MiniMovers** crew loaded the larger items. The number of items can also be reduced by tying loose items such as brooms and mops in bundles. Leave drawers in dressers.
- 6. Reduce the distance.** Every trip to the truck takes time. If you have pre-packed your small items, try and have them near where the truck will park. Blocking entrances means we waste time when we arrive. Clear access ensures quick moving. Keeping small children and pets away during the move also helps.
- 7. Dismantling.** Dismantle beds, mirrors off dressers, and other furniture items (those which had be assembled when purchased) before your **MiniMovers** crew arrives. Losing small items, especially keys, is common when moving and is very frustrating. Keep all screws and bolts in bags, and remember where you put them. Put the hose off the washing machine inside the machine.
- 8. Fridges/Freezers.** Do not defrost less than one week before moving. Water in the trays causes problems. On your moving day, near the end of loading, we will indicate when the fridge should be emptied. We will then load the fridge last, and unload it first. This minimises the time your goods are out of refrigeration.
- 9. Very heavy items.** Leave heavy items (such as pianos, pool tables, large safes, etc) to the experts, **MiniMovers**. When booking, please let us know about these items.
- 10. Flat glass items.** This includes plate glass, paintings, prints, table tops, and wall unit shelves. Simply leave them bare for us to handle. Never pack plate glass or glass front paintings in boxes.
- 11. Pot plants.** Do not water them for a few days prior to the move.
- 12. Water beds.** If possible, siphon out. There is an easy way to do this – check with us. If your bed has baffles, carefully fold the mattress or leave it to us. If the bed has a timber frame, you may only need to loosen the screws to disassemble.

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