# HELPFUL GUIDE TO MOVING

Moving house can be a daunting task, but with proper planning and organisation, it can be manageable. Here are some hints, tips, and a checklist to help you through the process:

## **Before Moving Day:**

- 1. Declutter: Start early by sorting through your belongings; donate, sell, or discard items you no longer need or use.
- 2. Create a Moving Binder: Keep all important documents related to your move (leases, moving company quotes, etc.) in one place.
- 3. Notify Relevant Parties: Inform utility companies, banks, insurance providers, and other essential services of your upcoming move and new address information (see checklist below).
- 4. Change Address: Update your address with the post office, subscriptions, and any relevant institutions.
- 5. Measure Furniture: Ensure large furniture pieces will fit through doorways and in your new space.
- 6. Pack Early: Begin packing non-essential items as soon as possible. Label boxes clearly by room and contents.
- 7. Pack Essentials Separately: Prepare a "first-night" box with essentials like toiletries, a change of clothes, and important documents.
- 8. Tidy garden, remove all rubbish and items from shed.
- 9. Defrost the fridge the night before moving day and don't forget to say goodbye to the neighbours!

# **Moving Day:**

- 1. Supervise the Process: Be present or have someone you trust oversee the moving process to ensure everything goes smoothly. Turn it off, lock it up and don't forget your keys!
- 2.Communicate with Movers: Provide clear instructions on fragile items or special handling requirements.
- 3. Inspect Before Signing: Before the movers leave, inspect your belongings for any damage and ensure nothing is left behind.

#### **After Moving:**

- 1. Unpack Strategically: Start with essentials and gradually unpack room by room.
- 2. Update Utilities and Services: Connect utilities at your new home and set up any necessary services.
- 3. Explore Your New Area: Familiarise yourself with local amenities and services and start making new memories!

### **Notification Checklist:**

- Alinta Gas 13 13 58
- Synergy 13 13 53
- Water Corporation 13 13 85
- AustPost 13 13 18
- Electoral Commission 13 23 26
- Any ADHOC subscriptions
- Local Council for any pet registration
- Solicitors/Doctors/Dentists

- Telephone/Internet Provider
- Department of Transport 13 11 56
- Banks/Insurances/Superannuation
- Australian Taxation Office 13 28 61

By following these hints, tips, and checklist, you can minimise stress and ensure a successful move to your future home!

