

Helpful Hints for Moving Overseas
Courtesy of New Zealand Shipping

- Prepare a survival kit .. includes kettle, cups, coffee, kitchen cleaner.
- Pack all personal papers, bank / cheque books etc in a folder and place in your car or suitcase to be carried by you.
- Put a layer of scrunch paper in the bottom of your cartons.
- Wrap each item individually, standing plates on edges.
- Pack heavier items at the bottom, working up to lighter items on top. ie. Dinner set on the bottom topped up with tupperware.
- Ensure all cartons are packed tight with a layer of scrunch on top to avoid overloading.
- Pack books, wine and heavy items in the smaller book cartons to avoid overloading, this will save time and effort.
- Do not pack anything in garbage bags or stripped plastic bags, unless been placed in a box, they split and your belongings will end up being trampled or lost.
- Empty all drawers, filing cabinets and cupboards to avoid breaking runners etc and pack contents in appropriate cartons.
- Mark each carton clearly on top with your name, overseas address and overseas phone number
- Mark on one side only of each package your port mark
We will provide you with your port mark as every shipment is different.
- We are not authorised to carry fire arms, please find an alternative means of transport.
- We will not carry dangerous goods such as paint, aerosol, poisons, fuel or flammable liquids, dispose of these or arrange alternative transportation.
- We do not ship plants or animals.
- Ensure all gas bottles are emptied, remove the cock off the bottle and fuel is drained from lawnmowers and whipper snippers.
- Arrange for disconnection of appliances for the day prior to moving. ie. Plumber, Electrician.
- Dismantle items for travel, ie.. self assemble furniture, garden shed, take the dryer off the wall.. etc. Clean garden tools and assemble together.
- Take the bag out of the vacuum cleaner.
- Recommend you don't take Christmas Decorations rather buy them overseas. Quarantine in New Zealand and Australia will unpack and inspect the boxes to confirm there is no plant material (pine cones)

- Run-down freezer and clean out at least the day prior to your removal. Give away frozen foods you can't take with you.
- Should you require storage for your goods prior to departure or on arrival please contact our office for details.
- Advise the office of any additional items for removal. Failure to do so may result in some of your gear being left behind due to lack of space.
- Advise the office of your insurance requirements, all insurance must be paid prior to uplift. We will not effect any insurance of your goods except on your express instructions and at your expense.
- For container shipments please advise the office and driver of any difficulty with access. Do you have stairs, can the truck get up your driveway, is it too steep, are the trees overcharging, are the power lines too low, is your street too narrow. If a ferry vehicle is required due to difficult access you will be charged, advise us to enable us to send the right truck for the job.
- Local Councils may require a permit to place a shipping container out on your council nature strip or road, please check with us on how to approach your council.
- Payment by Internet banking or direct deposit at our bank. We do not take credit cards or pay pal. Personal cheques will not be accepted.
- Notify people of your change of address. Bank, Doctor, Finance Company, Medicare, Medical Benefits Company, Clubs & Organisations, Motor Registration Board, Electrical Office, Accountant, Insurance Companies, Schools, Magazines and Other Subscriptions .. etc
- Redirect your mail at the Post Office. Cancel your paper delivery, return library books. Pick up dry - cleaning.
- Arrange for final readings and disconnection of Telephone, Electricity, Gas and Water.
- Last minute check that nothing is left behind, check gas & power are turned off at the meter / mains. Lock all windows and doors, surrender the house keys to new owner, solicitor or caretaker / agent.