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- Check with family members if they would like certain items
- Declutter before you start trying to pack
- Book a council cleanup for broken furniture and other items to be discarded
- Book charity pickups giving them plenty of notice and ready with a list of what they'll be taking.
- Work room by room so it's not so overwhelming
- If there is a large amount of personal paperwork, book a shredding service
- Organise your removalist with at least 3 weeks notice if possible and ask if they have a different day hourly rate – it can be cheaper to move earlier in the week.
- Purchase the packing supplies including boxes, paper and tape, making sure you have enough large boxes for trays/saucepans /small lamps etc.
- When packing, do this in order of least used first. For example, start with photos, books and ornaments.
- The last box you pack should be your box labelled 'open first' at the new home. Include a plate, cup, cutlery set, tea towel, toilet paper, snacks, hand soap, any daily medication, phone charger.

