

## When moving house...

The end of the fiscal year around February and March is also the period when many people move house to start a new life. When you move house, you must return your previous house to its original state before moving to your new home. There are lots of things to do, including completing the necessary procedures and paper works at your local government office and for utilities, as well as packing. This month's 'Living in Miyazaki' will summarise the most important things you need to be mindful of when moving house.



1. Arrange for a moving company or a rental car to take your things.

At this time of year, moving companies can be extremely busy. Once you have decided your moving date, it is good to make a booking with a company as soon as possible. It is also important to contact several moving companies and to compare prices. Again, if you are not going to rely on a moving company, you may need to make arrangements for a rental car.

2. Change your address for your internet, landline telephone, and satellite television.

This can take some time, so be sure to finish these procedures one month in advance.

3. Dispose of disused articles and large rubbish.

If you dispose of disused articles before you move, it will save you having to tidy up when you get to your new home. You can also sell your disused articles via recycle shops, internet auction sites, and free market apps.

4. Draw up a floor plan of your new house and prepare what is necessary.

When viewing your new home, if you have measured the dimensions of your previous house, it is easier to shop for your new place. Using these measurements you can make a floorplan, and then using this, you can prepare the necessary things for your new life.

5. Procedures for changing your address.

You need to inform not only your electricity, gas, and water suppliers of your change in address but also go through the necessary procedures at your local government office, post office, and school. If you do not complete these procedures in due time, you may incur additional costs, so it is good to get these done as soon as possible.

## 6. Packing.

Be sure to finish packing the things you use often, valuable items, and household furniture before your moving day. Please do not leave your things behind and move to a new home. It is good to greet those in your new neighbourhood. Also, if you do the preliminary inspection of your new house and cleaning first, it makes it easier once you have moved in.



Moving house can be a hectic period. There are lots of things that need to be done, so it is good to plan in advance, so that you can start your new life as smoothly as possible.

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