

『Moving House』 引っ越しの手続き

The February to March period is a time when many people move house, looking to start afresh from April. There are a lot of things to do, including all the procedures for your utilities and at your local government office. For this month's "Living in Miyazaki", I thought I'd write a list of everything that must be done when moving house.

1. Decide on a new home.



2. Choose a moving company, and set a date and time.

It's a good idea to get quotes from multiple companies and compare your options. This is a busy season for moving companies, so be sure to book well in advance once you've decided on a date.

3. If you are renting your current home, inform your estate agent or landlord of your departure plans.

4. Inform your water, gas, electricity and internet suppliers of your moving plans.

5. Start packing, and dispose of disused articles and large rubbish. You can get rid of your disused articles using second hand shops, internet auctions, or free market apps.



6. Submit a moving-out notification (*tenshutsu-todoke*) to your local government office (if you are moving elsewhere in the same city, this is called a *tenkyo-todoke*). If you also submit a transfer request to your post office, any mail sent to your previous address will be forwarded to your new place free of charge for one year.

7. Final clean, rubbish disposal, handover

When you move house, you must return your previous home to its original state before moving to your new place. Here is a handbook on how to sort through and put out rubbish and recyclable materials in Miyazaki city: https://www.city.miyazaki.miyazaki.jp/fs/6/7/3/5/3/5/_/519058.pdf

8. Move your belongings into your new home and greet your neighbours.

9. Submit a moving-in notice (*tennyu-todoke*) to your local government office.

You must do this within 14 days of your move-in date. You can also change the address on your residence card and My Number card at the government office.

10. Complete procedures for changing your address with your school, workplace, bank, insurance company etc.

If you have a driving license, you'll also need to do this procedure at your nearest police station or Driver's License Centre.

It's likely to be a hectic time. There are lots of things that need to be done, so it's best to plan everything in advance, so that you can start your new life as smoothly as possible.

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