

Moving out

When moving out of a property there are essential steps that need to be taken to ensure you leave with minimal cost. Costs can be incurred such as fees for ending a tenancy early, unpaid rent or cleaning that hasn't been done to a reasonable standard. In this section there are some useful resources and tips to assist you in moving out of a property with minimal stress.

Giving Notice

There are many reasons why someone may need to end a tenancy. The number of days notice you must give to your landlord when wanting to leave can vary.

For detailed information go to:

https://www.tuv.org.au/articles/files/resources/step-by-step_guide_ending_a_tenancy_AG_052010.pdf

<https://www.tuv.org.au/advice/breaking-your-lease/>

<https://www.tuv.org.au/advice/when-you-want-to-leave/>

Must Do's before moving out

The property **MUST** be left in a reasonably clean condition. What is considered 'reasonably clean' can depend on how long you have lived in the property and what state it was in when you moved in.²

Moving out checklist

| Checklist to be completed | Tick |
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| Remove all excess rubbish | |
| Ensure any damage is fixed i.e. picture hooks, holes in walls | |
| Clean carpets if stains exist that weren't there when you moved in | |
| Sweep and mop floors | |
| Clean bathrooms | |
| Clean toilets | |
| Remove cobwebs from around home | |
| Remove all belongings from inside home | |
| Get utilities disconnected | |
| Clean windows if excessively dirty | |
| Mow/edge lawns | |
| Take photos when finished cleaning | |
| Other: | |

TIP → The real estate/landlord may ask you to steam clean the carpets, unless carpets are damaged/stained as a result of you living in the property you are not required to steam clean carpets.

Need more advice around leaving your home?

Housing Justice
54 Mitchell Street
Bendigo VIC 3550
(03) 5445 0990
www.housingjustice.org.au

Consumer Affairs Victoria
1300 558 181
<https://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/>

St Lukes Haven; home safe care connect

Worksheets available as word template at
www.housingjustice.org.au

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¹<http://www.tuv.org.au/advice/when-you-want-to-leave/>

²<http://www.tuv.org.au/advice/ending-a-tenancy-2/>