

How to prepare for the move

A simplified checklist for a smoother transition into retirement living.

Get to know your retirement home

Familiarise yourself with the layout and features of your new home. Start thinking about how you'll arrange your furniture and personal items, as well as what to keep and what to let go.

Declutter and downsize well before your move-in date

Moving house can be emotional for many reasons. Make sure you give yourself plenty of time to sort through sentimental items. This a great opportunity to downsize your possessions to what is truly important. Temporary storage is a great solution if you have items that you don't need right away. Keep important documents safe and at hand. Finally, make a moving checklist along the way.

Professional retirement moving services

Moving can be tiring but there are companies, often referred to as downsizing specialist, that specialise in helping people move into retirement villages. They can provide guidance on downsizing, sorting, archiving photos and documents, pet sitting, packing, unpacking and all the heavy lifting for the moving day.

Financial advice and planning

It is recommended to seek professional financial advice so that you have a clear understanding of fortnightly and monthly fees in your new community, along with any other expenses, such as move-in costs, legal fees, and downsizing expenses. An expert can help you work out those costs and offer help on the best way to structure your finances for the future.

Notify important people

Let people know about your decision. This includes family, friends, medical centres, Australia Post, banks and other relevant services. Give them the address and contact information for your retirement community.

Plan for transportation

Consider how you'll get around your retirement village and local neighbourhood. Will you be driving, using public transportation, or relying on community transportation services? Make sure you have all the information you need to plan for your transportation needs.

Get to know the community

Find out more about the services, activities, and amenities provided. Learn about their rules and regulations. Attend any events or open houses to get a better sense of the community and meet your future neighbours.

Talk it over

Discussing your plans with friends and loved ones will help alleviate any concerns and make your move as easy possible. Talking it over with people who have made a similar transition can also offer a comforting and insightful perspective on what lies ahead.

Retirement Living at WMQ

A retirement village can provide a unique and supportive lifestyle. If you're ready to make the transition or simply need more questions answered, give us a call or [enquire online today](#).

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