



Moving Plants

Taking plants with you when you move can be a bit tricky. It is possible, but some planning and research are needed prior to your move. Check with your removalist to see what their policy is regarding moving plants.

Some removalists will allow plants to be moved, others will not. Check your insurance to see if plants are covered in transit. Extreme temperatures in removalist vans may be an issue for some plants. It may be safer to transport some of your plants in your own car if you have the room. You may also have to check quarantine restrictions for moving some plants interstate.

The following are general tips for moving plants:

- Give extra care to plants in weeks leading up to a move, as they need to be in top shape to survive the trip.
- Water your plants a couple of days prior to your shift rather than the day of the move.
- Plants can be pruned several weeks before your move to make them hardier and smaller to move.
- Drain any excess water from plants the day of your move.
- Plants can be placed individually in black garbage bags to avoid soil spillage.
- Plants can also be placed in a plastic lined, sturdy packing box.
- Treat plants and pots for any pests prior to your shift.
- Remove any soil from garden tools and boots used in your garden.
- When in your new place, water and fertilise your plants regularly as different environments and soil can affect a plant's ability to thrive.

Restrictions apply in each state for the movement of some types of plants and plant material. This is to avoid the spread of some pests, weeds and diseases within Australia's agriculture industry. The website www.quarantinedomestic.gov.au shows you state by state what is allowed or restricted when moving interstate. Quarantine Domestic can be contacted on Freecall 1800 084 881 during business hours Monday to Friday.

For moving plants or plant products within your own state, contact your local State Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries.

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