



## Getting your home ready

### A Geenee Checklist

1. Leave your home clean. Seems obvious, doesn't it? But people have different definitions of 'clean', so aim high. Make sure the floors are clean, the fridge empty (except for the basics), the oven and hob grease-free, the bath and shower sparkling, windows clear and surfaces dust-free.
2. Clear away enough space in wardrobes and drawers, and on bathroom shelves, for your guests to empty their suitcases, put their things out in bathrooms and bedrooms, and feel at home.
3. Provide a fresh supply of clean bath and hand towels, and enough bed sheets for the number of guests.
4. Make at least one closet or small room 'off-limits', and use it to store your own irreplaceable or personal items.
5. Leave a supply of basic toiletries (like toilet paper, hand soap and simple cleaning supplies) available and easily accessible. Tuck your personal items away in a nearby drawer or cupboard.
6. One of the luxuries of staying in a real home is having a fully equipped kitchen. Leave a full supply of cooking basics, like oils, vinegars, flour, sugar, salt and simple seasonings. Also, leave your cookbooks and favourite recipes within easy reach. Cooking new, exotic and local dishes can be a real treat when you're away from the pressures of everyday life.
7. Put together a simple House Book. (See 'Making a House Book' in the Guides and Templates section of the Geenee site.)
8. Contact your household and, if you're swapping cars, motor insurance companies. If you are swapping cars, leave a letter giving permission for your swapping partner to drive your car.
9. Arrange for a friend or neighbour to be contactable in emergencies.
10. Leave explanation Post-it notes on any 'quirky' or temperamental appliances.
11. Lastly, make sure your house keys are where you said they'd be. Or you could be answering a rather irate phone call as soon as you arrive the other end.
12. Lock the door, pick up your suitcases and set off for your new home.