



6 Moving out

When moving out, notify the landlord as soon as the moving-out date is decided. Usually, people ask the movers do the actual moving-out tasks. Make sure to cancel utilities such as electricity and gas. Clean the room; do not leave the garbage behind.

6-1 Preparation for moving

(1) Notification to the landlord

You need to notify the landlord of terminating the lease contract within the period stipulated in the contract (usually one or two months in advance).

(2) Different options for moving

There are many movers in Japan. Besides professional movers, cargo distributors also offer moving-out services. The rate varies according to the cargo volume, distance, and service contents. You may be advised to have estimates from several movers and confirm the rate and service contents in order to choose the mover that meets your need. Estimates can be compared by using the Internet and other means.

There is also an option of not using the mover, by renting a car from a friend or lease company.

(3) Cancellation of electricity, gas, water

Make sure to notify the company at least two or three days prior to moving out.

	Electricity	Gas	Water
When	Two or three days prior to moving out	Two or three days prior to moving out	Two or three days prior to moving out
Where to contact	Nearby electricity company outlet	Nearby gas company outlet	Municipal waterworks department or nearby water provider
Procedure	A person in charge will come on the day of moving out to stop the power and settle the outstanding fees.	A person in charge will come on the day of moving out to stop the gas and settle the outstanding fees.	A person in charge will come on the day of moving out to close the main valve and settle the outstanding fees.