

YOU'VE BOOKED!



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Preparing for your family home swap

Great news! You've confirmed your family home swap.
The countdown is on to your family holiday.

To ensure that you have the best experience, we share our recommendations for preparing for your family home swap.

1. Declutter and clean

It's essential to leave your home clean and tidy. We recommend de-cluttering surfaces and leaving suitable space for your guest family to use for their personal belongings.

Tidy living areas, polish and wipe down all surfaces, vacuum carpets, mop floors, clean the fridge and change bed linen.

We have also created a COVID-19 checklist to ensure that you have cleaned to a high standard. You can download it [here](#).

2. Clear some space for your guests

Our families realise that they are staying in your home rather than a hotel, but we still recommend that you create some room for their belongings.

Clear some space in your wardrobe and leave plenty of spare clothes hangers.

Empty a clothes drawer in each bedroom and clear a kitchen cupboard. It will allow your guest family to pack their belongings away and relax in their new environment.

3. Remove breakables or sentimental items

Do you have any heirlooms or sentimental items accessible? Maybe your kids have a favourite toy that they would prefer not to share? For peace of mind, we recommend that you store these items away for safekeeping.



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4. What will you leave for your guest family?

To manage both family's expectations, we recommend that you discuss what you will be leaving for your guest family.

Fresh linen, towels, washing up liquid and detergent are often standard practice. However, added touches such as a universal power adaptor, toiletries, and staple food items would further enhance the home swap experience.

5. Stock the kitchen cupboards

Help your guests to settle in by leaving some kitchen essentials such as milk, teabags and coffee. You can even leave some welcome beers or wine in the fridge.

6. Make a welcome pack

Help your guest family settle into your home by leaving a welcome pack.

Consider including the following;

- Essential home information. Include wifi passwords, and details for household alarms, where garage or shed keys are located, manuals for the heating, air conditioning units, coffee machine, etc.
- Contact details. Leave a list of local telephone numbers including taxi firms, trusted baby sitters, a plumber, electrician, doctors surgery, emergency numbers, and local friends or neighbours who are happy to chat with your host family
- Inform your guest of the local area. Families will want to use your home to explore the surrounding areas. Leave local maps, transport timetables, and recommend your favourite family days out, cafes, parks, and walks. The more information you share, the better the experience for your guest.



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7. Let your guests know what they need to do

You may need your guest family to water your household or garden plants, feed a pet, or put the rubbish out. Add these instructions to your welcome pack or stick in a prominent place, such as the fridge door.

8. Let your neighbours know about your home swap

We recommend that you give your neighbours the heads up on your home swap plans as they may get a surprise seeing another family enter your home.

9. Have fun

We launched 'family home swaps,' for you to enjoy a unique holiday experience and make lasting connections with our fellow members.

We hope that you enjoy your home swap experience.

Contact

Have a question? Drop us an email on hello@familyhomeswaps.com