

MOVING CHECKLIST



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TWO MONTHS BEFORE YOU MOVE		
If you're renting, make sure you've given notice to your landlord. Check how long your notice period is in your contract.		
Do some pre-moving investigating – find out where your nearest shops are, drive around the area, and just make sure you feel comfortable before you move.		
Start decluttering – you can get rid of some of the stuff you know you definitely won't want to take, starting earlier will save you time at the end.		
Collect free packaging boxes from friends or family, as well as websites like Gumtree or Freecycle, to save on moving costs.		
ONE MONTH BEFORE YOU MOVE		
Organise your moving company – it's a good idea, to get quotes but also make sure you have booked in advance – make sure to check access to your new home, so whether there are parking restrictions or permits needed.		
Register to vote at your new address, and register your household with your council.		
Purchase moving insurance, home insurance and contents insurance for your new property.		
Arrange a post redirection with Royal Mail.		
Create a list of your home inventory and take pictures so you know what condition it's in before you move – this will help you should any damage occur during the move.		
Start cleaning outside areas such as the shed and garden if you have them.		
TWO WEEKS BEFORE YOU MOVE		
Start packing – anything that isn't absolutely necessary in the next two weeks, things such as spare towels, decorations and books can be packed. Make sure to label boxes with what's in them as well as the room they are going too.		
If necessary, arrange child or pet care for the day of the move.		
If necessary, contact the DVLA to change the address on your driving license and also change the address on your Vehicle Registration Form.		
If you need time off for your moving day, make sure you request/book it off in advance.		
ONE WEEK BEFORE MOVING		
Contact your moving company to confirm the exact date time and locations of the move. Provide them with any details they might need such as directions.		
Pack up the last of your items – but keep one box spare which you can pack essential toiletries, change of clothes, blankets and snacks, so you don't have to go rummaging on the night of your move.		
Start disassembling any furniture you can, so it's easy to fit into the van.		
Dismantle any shelves, take down any pictures and remove any fitted items that are coming with you.		
Repaint any small scrapes or scratches and fill nail holes in the house you're leaving.		
Remember to redirect your tv licence to your new property.		

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Do all your laundry so you don't have to move dirty clothes.		
Label any spare keys and remove old house keys from your keyring.		
Make sure to contact your utility providers and inform them of your change of address including your moving date (this needs to be done with at least 48 hours' notice).		
Pack documents and valuables in a separate box or bag so they don't get lost during the move.		
If you're taking appliances with you such as the dishwasher or washing machine, start to disconnect them.		
Take pictures of electronics before you disconnect them so you can easily reconnect them at your new home.		
Empty and defrost your fridge/freezer.		
MOVING DAY		
Instruct the packing of your moving van strategically.		
Do one final check on the home after everything has been moved into the van. Check all the drawers and cupboards in every room, and the garage if you have one.		
Clean your home before you leave.		
Make sure all windows and doors are locked and secure, also make a note of all the meter readings before you leave.		
Take pictures of empty rooms for proof of the condition when you moved out.		
Once you've moved into your new home, make sure to return the keys of the old property to the relevant party, check to see that the utilities are working in your new home, and check the moving van for anything that's not been unpacked.		
MOVING DAY PACKING LIST		
Here is our list of items that it's a good idea to keep separate during your move and you may need these on the day of your move, and hunting through boxes is the last thing anyone wants to do.		
Important documents (i.e. marriage licence, birth certificate, any records containing bank account information).		
Credit and debit cards.		
Medication.		
Phone and charger.		
Laptop and charger.		
Toilet paper.		
A change of clothes (one for each member of the household) .		
Snacks and water (for yourself, children and pets).		
If you have children – their special toy/blanket.		
Jewellery.		

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Torch.		
Tape measure.		
Toolbox.		
Binbags.		
Batteries.		
Kitchen roll.		
Cash.		
Any other valuables, heirlooms or irreplaceable items.		
WHO TO NOTIFY OF A CHANGE OF ADDRESS?		
Your employer.		
National Insurance (but this may be done through your employer so make sure to check).		
Your local council for council tax.		
The electrol Roll.		
The DVLA.		
Your utilities provider – whether you're staying with the same company or not.		
Your GP.		
Your Dentist.		
Your Bank(s) and credit card provider.		
LAST MINUTE QUESTIONS TO ASK THE SELLER		
Where is the main stopcock located?		
Where can I find gas and electricity meters?		
Where is the thermostat?		
What companies supply the gas, energy, water, phone line and internet?		
If they are leaving any electrical items – ask if they have any instruction manuals or guarantees.		
Do any surfaces need special cleaning such a granite worktops or wooden floors?		
What day are the bins collected?		