



Your helpful checklist for moving house

A few weeks before you move

- Shop around to get the best price in writing for a removal company. Starting to pack early will ensure they can give you a more accurate price
- Look into parking in the area to ensure any removal vans will have access, and get necessary permits
- Start to pack by getting rid of things you no longer need. Arrange extra storage if required
- Give notice to your landlord if you are renting
- Make sure your new home is insured from the exchange of contracts
- Change your address with the DVLA, TV Licensing, bank, trade union, and employer
- Arrange to have your post redirected by Royal Mail
- Tell the council about your change of address and check your Council Tax amount
- Tell your telephone, broadband and utilities companies about the move
- Arrange to have any appliances you are taking with you, such as cookers and washing machines, disconnected by a professional
- Contact locksmiths to arrange for them to change the locks on your new home on moving day
- Order any new furniture or carpets you need, and arrange to have these delivered when you move
- Arrange for someone to look after children or pets during the move
- Order boxes for packing and start to pack any non-essential items, such as non-seasonal clothes

A few days before you move

- Confirm details with your removal company
- Ensure most items are packed. Label boxes with the room they are to go in and their contents
- Put any essential items for the first day to one side and keep these boxes until last on moving day
- Defrost and dry out the fridge and freezer

On moving day

- Do a final clean of the house, and then a final walk round to make sure you have everything packed
- Keep valuables and documents with you so that you have easy access to them
- Do your final meter readings and contact your utility companies with these
- Leave a note for the buyer with details of energy suppliers, bin collection days, and the location of the stopcock, meters and fuse box. Label any spare keys and leave in plain sight
- Lock all windows and doors

At your new home

- Make sure electric, water and gas are working
- Check all items included in the sale are present, such as light fittings and carpets. Contact your solicitor with any issues
- Aim to be there when the removal van arrives so you can say where you want your items to go
- Clean as much of the house as you can before you start unpacking to make this easier
- Check the van is empty after it has been unloaded
- Make sure the locksmith arrives to change the locks
- Update the electoral register with your new address

Things to find out from the seller

- What day are the bins collected?
- Are there spare tins of paint or tiles to match walls and floors? Where did they get any fixed furniture, such as kitchen cabinets?
- Do they have instruction manuals for electrical items they are leaving behind?
- Who are the current suppliers for the energy, broadband and phone line?
- Where are the stopcock, thermostat, and utilities meters?