

MOVING CHECKLIST

Congratulations on your new home!

Moving into a new home can be an exciting but busy time, so it's a good idea to start preparations early and make the process a little smoother. The checklist breaks down all the key tasks in the run up to the big day. Keep it handy so you can keep track of what's been done.

FIVE TO SIX WEEKS BEFORE

- Sort out a removal company or ask friends or family to help on the day
- Continue de-cluttering and don't forget to check areas like the loft or the shed
- Start thinking about any big items you need to order in new, like large kitchen appliances
- Develop a floor plan for the new house so you know where everything will go
- Check the parking restrictions for large removals vehicles at your current home and your new home

Other notes:

THREE TO FOUR WEEKS BEFORE

- Let your TV, broadband and phone providers know you're moving, and sort suppliers for the new house
- Let your current utility suppliers know you're moving and sort suppliers for the new house
- Plan the route for your moving day - consider if there are any low bridges or weight restricted areas
- Start thinking about smaller items for the new house, such as window dressings and beds
- Start packing non-essentials, like your books and non-seasonal clothes

Other notes:

ONE TO TWO WEEKS BEFORE

- Start packing anything that hasn't already been packed, and clearly label boxes
- Deep clean your current house so you can leave it looking well-maintained
- Update your address with TV licensing and your bank, credit cards, insurance providers etc
- Register to pay council tax at your new address
- Start running down your food supplies – this just means less to pack and move!
- If you've booked a removals company, confirm timings and locations with them
- If you take prescription medication, make sure you have enough to cover you over the moving period

Other notes:

THE DAY BEFORE

- Do a final clean of your current house - now you can get to those areas under the furniture
- Sort out collecting the key to your new house
- Pack some essential supplies for your first night in the new house, such as toilet roll, drinks and toiletries
- Pack valuable items and documents and keep them somewhere secure
- Do a final check of the house and garden and make sure everything is accounted for
- Make sure your mobile is fully charged

Other notes:

MOVING DAY

- Take meter readings for the current and new house and keep them to hand
- Check that all windows and doors are locked and secure before you leave your current house
- Check that water, gas and electricity supplies are switched off before you leave

Other notes:

ONCE YOU'RE IN

- Sort out your utilities provider
- Update the electoral register
- Register with a local doctor, dentist and vet if needed
- Start decorating! This is the fun part – now you're in, you can think about making the place your own

Other notes:

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