

Moving House Checklist

A practical checklist for planning your move, from early admin to the first few days in your new home.

For buyers and renters. Tick off what you need and ignore what does not apply.

● Before the date is fixed

- Check notice periods if renting
- Start decluttering
- Avoid booking too early
- Keep key dates and move notes together

6 to 8 weeks before moving

- Narrow down the likely moving date
- Decide how you want to handle the move
- Work out how much you are moving
- Check access and parking at both properties
- Get quotes or plan transport

4 to 6 weeks before moving

- Book your move once the date is clear enough
- Set up Royal Mail redirection
- Tell utility providers about the move
- Arrange broadband transfer
- Update bank, card and insurance details
- Update work or childcare details if needed

2 to 3 weeks before moving

- Start packing non-essential items
- Label boxes clearly by room
- Pack fragile items separately
- Set aside documents, valuables and medication
- Check you have enough packing supplies

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1 week before moving

- Reconfirm times, addresses and access
- Finish almost all packing
- Defrost and empty the freezer if needed
- Use up perishables and keep shopping light
- Plan parking and access for the day
- Keep keys, documents and medication separate
- Keep first-night basics easy to reach

Moving day

- Do a final walkthrough of every room
- Check cupboards, loft, shed and garage
- Take meter readings and photos
- Keep documents, valuables and essentials with you
- Keep old and new keys with you
- Check utilities when you arrive
- Unload the most important items first

First night and first few days

- Unpack the essentials first
- Set up the bed and basic kitchen items
- Check heating, water and electricity
- Test alarms and check basic security
- Finish any urgent updates still outstanding

● Key address updates

- Utilities and broadband
- Bank and cards
- Insurance
- Employer
- DVLA
- GP, dentist, school, nursery or vet if relevant

● Do not forget

- Confirm parking and access
- Meter photos at both properties
- Chargers and medication
- Kettle, mugs and toilet roll
- Keep old and new keys with you

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