

MOVING HOUSE CHECKLIST

Our top tips for a stress-free move!

- At least one month before the move date, set aside an afternoon to organise the paperwork and document all the changes you'll need to make, including:

- Utilities
- Banks and other financial providers.
- TV licensing
- Telephone
- Internet
- Car insurance
- Breakdown recovery
- Council
- DVLA
- Your employers (book off 2-4 days for moving)
- Parking permits (if needed)
- Book bulk uplift (if needed)
- Post Office for an address redirect
- Email to friends and family
- Vets-microchip (especially important before the move)
- Doctors, opticians, and dentists
- School registration
- Book a slot to get your TV and Wi Fi installed in the new home (as soon as you have a move date)

- Book the removals firm. Do this early and check their cancellation and storage costs in case there are delays, and whether boxes and packing materials are supplied. If not, save all your cardboard boxes (wine, deliveries, etc). Try to arrange move day for a Monday to Thursday. These days aren't as busy and if there's a problem getting keys, you can avoid any weekend delays.



Broadband providers can provide mini hubs which are sent in the post which boosts your 4G network whilst WIFI is getting up and running.

- Run down food items in cupboards and freezer. Have a good sort of your kitchen cupboards for items out of date and bin.
- Declutter and organise your belongings using the 5 box trick - recycle, repair, donate, bin and keep. This helps with the decision making process.



Decluttering the right way:

- *When you start packing, choose the room you use the least and set up all five clearly labelled boxes in there.*
- *Empty all the drawers and cupboards, and work your way through the entire contents, distributing items into the relevant boxes. Once this first room is decluttered and packed, use it as your room for packed items.*
- *Repeat the 5 box process in each room.*
- *Recycle and bin should be dealt with as you go along.*
- *Repair (if a large amount) should be shipped out to the repair shops with a collection for after the move date.*
- *For donations, make arrangements for collection or drop off.*
- *If you have decluttered well, a large amount of packing will already be organised, but as a minimum start packing at least 2 weeks before move date.*

- Always pack an essentials suitcase for each member of your family, including the furry ones! Include everything they will need for at least a week. Toiletries, clothes, sleepwear, toys, devices and chargers, footwear, jumpers, coats, books etc. Keep these cases packed and kept separate in your car on moving day.



Local community Facebook groups are a great resource for moving house, helping you sell and donate items as well as obtaining and recycling packing boxes. Our own Facebook page also has lots of decluttering tips to help you get started!

- Plan a delivery of food or click & collect for the second day after moving (in case of delays). Find out where to buy any essentials, and have the minimum of food items for move day ready and packed in a cool bag in the fridge to be moved last minute. Research a local takeaway for the first night's dinner.
- Organise a kitchen 'essentials box' with (for example) tea, coffee, milk, sugar, mugs, cutlery and crockery for each family member, petfood and bowls, kitchen towel, dishcloths, washing up liquid, salt and pepper, snacks and toilet roll.
- Make up a cleaning kit with rubber gloves, bleach, window polish, clothes and Hoover, and pack in the car.
- Make up a bed roll for each family member tied up with pillow, duvet, towel and clean bedlinen ready to be unrolled in the new house. Pack this last into the removals van for easy access.
- Keep valuables, house plants and precious items packed carefully and travelling separately in your own transport.
- Take photos of gas and electricity readings in both old and new properties.
- Do a last minute clean of your old property, turning off all lights and electrics. Turn off the water (if left unoccupied) and check every room, closing each door as you go.
- Check all out-buildings and leave a welcome note for the new owners with details regarding gas, electric boxes, bin collections, water shut offs, instruction manuals for appliances, spare keys clearly labelled, neighbours' names etc.



Need help moving house? We can assist with everything from decluttering, staging, repairs, pet care, removals and more!

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