

Tips for moving...

Moving house can be a stressful time, use our useful check list to help make your journey smoother.

4-8 weeks before you move...

- **Confirm the date of your move**
- **If you are renting, notify your landlord of your moving date**
- **Book time off work if needed**
- **Start de-cluttering**

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- **Consider if you need to book removals or self storage**

Through our partners at ANYVAN they offer a price guarantee. Find any cheaper removal quote and they promise they'll beat it.

- **Check your home insurance**
Make sure you are covered from the day you move into your new property. If you are moving into rented accommodation between moves you may wish to consider insurance which covers you for any accidental damage to landlord's possessions.
- **Notify the relevant utility companies, telephone and internet providers of your move**
Please refer to our 'Who to Notify?' guide for a more detailed look at who you need to speak to.
- **Change your address details or arrange a redirection through Royal Mail**
<https://www.royalmail.com/personal/receiving-mail/redirection>

2 weeks before you move...

- If you have pets or children, arrange for someone to help look after them for the move
- Start packing non essential items
- Contact your doctor and dentist if you are moving out of the area
- Cancel or change your address for any newspaper deliveries
- Finalise arrangements with your removal company

2 days before you move...

- **Make up a box of essential items for the first few days at your new home**
pack an overnight bag and include things like scissors, toilet roll, cleaning products, kettle, tea bags, some basic crockery, cutlery and a cork screw
- **Pack valuables and documents separately and keep them somewhere safe**
- **Take photos of your electronics before you disconnect them to save you time when you reassemble them**
- **Defrost your freezer**
- **Arrange a time to collect keys from your estate agent**

1 day before you move...

- **Finish all packing, label all boxes with which room they will be going in**
- **Charge your mobile phone**
- **Do a final check of cupboards, basements, lofts and garden sheds to make sure nothing gets left behind**

Moving Day

- **Take meter readings at the property you are leaving and the one you are moving into**
- **Leave a pack of any information which might help the new occupier**
e.g. location of stop cock, meters, fuse box, thermostat, what day are the bins collected.
- **Take a final look around the property you are leaving to make sure you haven't forgotten anything**
- **Put the boxes in the correct rooms at your new home but don't try and unpack everything in one day!**

Once you've moved

- **Update the electoral register as you won't automatically be registered to vote**
- **Provide utility companies with opening and close readings**
- **Finally, sit back, relax and enjoy your new home!**