

Moving checklist

1 month before your move

- Order packing materials (cases, boxes etc.) and arrange a removal firm if you're using one
- Start packing non-essential items
- Find a new school for your children (if necessary) and arrange to transfer school records
- Book the days needed off work to move
- Start getting rid of possessions and furniture you no longer need

2 weeks before your move

- Arrange for your mail to be redirected
- Start to use up any food in your freezer
- Arrange the utilities in your new home – gas, electricity, broadband, telephone. Don't forget to shop around for the best deal
- Let friends and family know about your change of address
- Sort out care for your children and pets on moving day (if necessary)
- Arrange your contents insurance for your new home
- If you're moving to a city with parking restrictions, apply for your on-street parking permit

1 week before your move

- Thoroughly clean your old home and tidy the garden
- Let your current council know you're moving, and speak to the new council to arrange payment of Council Tax (if necessary)
- Change your address with your bank, DVLA, HMRC, TV Licensing, credit cards etc.
- Defrost your freezer
- If you're renting, take detailed photos of each room and area, covering any wear and tear you're concerned might cause issues with your deposit
- Start packing

The day before your move

- Pack an overnight bag with essentials for the first day in your new home
- Box up your remaining items. Leave the kettle on top so you can make a cuppa when you arrive in your new kitchen!

Moving day

- Take a note of your final meter readings in your old home
- Make sure all windows and doors are locked and that you've not left anything behind
- Collect the keys for your new home
- If you're renting, inspect the new property and identify any damage or issues you may need to raise with the landlord/agents. Take photos as appropriate
- Take the meter readings of the new property
- Leave a contact address with the occupants or letting agents of your old house, in case they want to forward on any post

After your move

- Update the electoral register
- Register with a doctor and dentist (if necessary)
- Sort your contents insurance (if you haven't already)

