

Moving Home timeline checklist

Your home is usually the most valuable asset you own, and we know that the process of buying or selling a home can be stressful, so we ensure that we help make the process as smooth and stress-free as possible. Check out this checklist timeline our experts have put together to help you with your move.

4-6 weeks to go

- Get removals estimates and book your chosen firm but do not pay any balancing fee until exchange of contracts
- Order packing cases and materials if supplying your own
- Check your home insurance as you need cover from the day you move into your new home or if you are having a mortgage then from the date of exchange (this will differ with New Build properties)
- Plan where furniture will go; get rid of things that won't fit
- Look at when you can arrange time off work
- Declutter and dispose of anything you don't need

2 weeks to go/ Upon exchange of contract

- Inform electricity, gas, phone and broadband suppliers that you're moving
- Arrange mail redirection with the Post Office
- Notify DVLA as you will be required to change the address on your driving licence
- Inform your dentist and doctor and register with a new one if moving area
- Transfer TV licence to new address
- Begin packing non-essentials - start outside or on the top floor - don't forget the loft!
- Begin running down the freezer
- Get your landline number redirected
- Organise who will look after your pets and/or children during the move
- Confirm removals once exchanged

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1 week to go

- Tell your council and ask for a council tax statement
- Inform your bank(s) and insurance providers
- Send out change of address messages to friends and family
- Update your pet's microchip address; register with local vet
- Think about who may have a spare key to your house, start to collect spare keys
- Cancel newspaper subscriptions and any regular delivery orders

A couple of days to go

- Defrost the freezer
- Prepare a box of moving day essentials – loo roll, soap, tea bags, mugs, bin bags, phone charger, pet food, bedding
- Set aside valuable items and personal documents you will transport yourself
- Disconnect dishwasher
- Label boxes with the rooms they should go into in your new home
- Prepare information to leave out for your buyer. For example, which keys are which, instruction manuals for cookers and other equipment, when bin collection days are etc
- Register with a new doctor and dentist
- Disconnect your freezer, dishwasher and washing machine ready for the removal team

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Moving Day

- Make sure your phone is charged, on loud and has a signal, you will get calls from your Solicitors and the Estate Agents
- Take meter readings and give them to utility companies – at your old address and your new address
- Record the last telephone call made from a home number (time and number)
- Strip the beds
- Allow time for cleaning – set aside your vacuum cleaner and cloths
- Check you have all your belongings with you – do a thorough walk-through
- Ensure all windows and doors are closed and locked

After moving in

- Unpack room by room, starting with the kitchen
- Check utilities are running smoothly make sure utilities have been transferred in to your name
- Update your address on the electoral register
- Change locks

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