

# Home moving checklist



Use this handy guide to work through the list of things to do before big day.

## A month before you move

- Arrange time off work if necessary
- If you are renting give your landlord notice
- Clear out anything that you don't need by recycling or giving to charity
- Buy all essential packing materials such as tissue paper, newspapers, cardboard, boxes, bubble wrapping and tape
- Let your telephone and utility providers know that you're moving

## Two weeks before you move

- Advise the removal firm of your final details
- Pack anything you rarely use
- Organise building and contents insurance for your new home as this is required to be done before exchange of contracts
- Inform the local authority that you're moving

## One week before you move

- Pack as much as possible apart from anything you'll need between now and your move
- Arrange for your mail to be re-directed
- Ensure all bills are paid up to the date of your move
- Use our checklist overleaf to inform the relevant authorities you are moving
- Keep all your valuable items e.g. passports, birth certificates and jewellery in a safe place
- Arrange a TV licence for your new home

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## The day before you move – Leaving your house

- Pack all last items
- Defrost your fridge and freezer
- Disconnect any appliances
- Ensure all your utility suppliers have turned on the gas, electricity and phone in your new home
- Clean up
- Consider leaving local takeaway menus, instruction manuals and a 'welcome' card for your buyers
- Get a good nights sleep!

## Questions to Ask About Your New Home

- Where is the main stopcock?
- Where are the gas and electricity meters?
- Do any surfaces need specialist cleaning products, for example wooden flooring?
- What day are the bins collected?
- Are there wheelie bins? If not, do the Council provide these?
- Are there any old tins of paint matching the wall colours in the property?
- Are there instruction manuals for any electrical appliances?
- Are there any warranties still in place for appliances and installations, such as windows, new boiler etc?
- Who are the current energy, broadband and telephone line suppliers?
- Where is the thermostat?
- Where did the tiles in kitchen and bathroom come from, in case you need to replace any odd tiles?

Asking these questions should help you to settle into the property with ease.