

Moving home checklist

Which?

Four weeks ahead

- Get removals estimates and book your chosen firm
- Order packing cases and materials if supplying your own
- Order curtains if needed
- Plan where furniture will go; get rid of things that won't fit
- Book time off work
- Declutter and dispose of anything you don't need

Two weeks ahead

- Inform electricity, gas, phone and broadband suppliers that you're moving
- Arrange mail redirection with the Post Office
- Transfer TV licence to new address
- Begin packing non-essentials – start outside or on the top floor
- Begin running down the freezer
- Get your landline number redirected
- Organise who will look after your pets and/or children during the move

One week ahead

- Inform your GP surgery and register with a new one if moving area
- 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
- Transfer any plants/trees you're taking into pots

One to two days ahead

- 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
- Label items and keys for the new owner

Moving day

- Strip the beds
- Allow time for cleaning – set aside your vacuum cleaner and cloths
- Drop your keys off with the estate agent

After moving in

- Unpack room by room, starting with the kitchen
- Check utilities are running smoothly and take meter readings
- Pay stamp duty (your solicitor will usually arrange this)
- Update your address on the electoral register
- Update your pet's microchip address; register with local vet
- Change locks