



Moving house: handy checklist

It is often said that moving is one of the most stressful things to do. With some pre-planning some of the stress can be avoided, leaving you to move home in style!

Before you move from your old property



- Contact the providers of utilities and services at the new property to arrange the connections – particularly the phone or you may have to pay a reconnection charge
- If you are renting, make sure you have given the right amount of notice to your landlord
- Redirect your post – Royal Mail charge a small fee, you choose for how long you want your post to be redirected to your new home: 1, 3 or 6 months
- Set up a date with all suppliers to switch: cable, satellite, broadband etc (this can take weeks) and home/contents insurance
- When you move allow time to repair any damage where pictures or shelves have been removed (it is a condition of the sale!)
- Either empty the freezer and turn it off to move it, or turn it up to maximum a couple of days before the move so preserving as much food as possible
- Record the meter readings at your old home as you move out
- Pack essentials in a handy box (washing up items, bin bags, light bulbs, vacuum cleaner, everything for a cuppa – you may need one and the removalists might thank you for it!)
- Pack snacks to keep your energy levels up. You'll need it!
- Pack valuables and fragile items separately – and transport them yourself
- Keep tools/power tools to one side for quick repairs eg screwdriver, and make sure they are charged
- Try to arrange for children and pets to be away from the move, giving you space get more done
- Check the utilities (water, gas, electric) and heating, (boiler, shower, appliances) in your new home – to ensure they are still working just before you move!

Moving into your new home



- Try to make up the beds straight away so at least you have somewhere to crash when you're finally beaten!
- Record the meter readings at your new home as you move in
- Once you have moved, inform: utilities, bank/building society, credit, loan and store card companies, any subscriptions/deliveries, school/college/nursery, employer, trade unions, professional bodies, clubs (such as leisure centres), societies, religious groups, libraries, doctors, vets, opticians, dentist, DVLA, car insurance, HMRC, DWP, council tax, electoral register, TV licensing, satellite/cable provider, phone (landline and mobile), insurance, pension companies and finally ... *family and friends!*

When you move, consider old paperwork you might need to change such as your passport address reference (which applies to anyone who has chosen you as a contact person). Updates may also include things like Wills, especially if the value of your new home is different. To update or review your Will, please email us for a free, no obligation [quote](#).