

MOVING CHECKLIST

Something to do when moving home

We have established a moving home checklist to help you keep track of all the important steps.

This list comprises all the important things you need to finish in order to move; from hiring a transport company to your home warming party.

If you want to print this checklist, use the button below to view or download it. Happy to move!

2 months before moving

You have found a home, your offer has been accepted and your moving home checklist needs to be started. Two months before you move, it's time to compare quotes and reviews and select your carrier. It is essential to establish the legal side early in order to ensure a smooth legal situation. It's also worth taking some time to research your new area's facilities and amenities to help you feel at home.

- Get evacuations cites
- Arrange your pledge
- Look for information about local news and facilities in your new area
- Transfer school records for children and order new uniform
- Check your moving date with your landlord if you are currently renting
- Get valuable insurance property assessed and check whether your insurance policy covers your move. If not, you should be able to cover your removals company –get it early to avoid any complications
- Buy a diary or file to keep documentation and notes include to-do lists, essential numbers, records and discussion details

6 weeks before moving

With barely multi month until your moving day, the time has come to begin getting out anything you would prefer not to be moved to your new home. It's in every case best to begin by making a full agenda of all your real things so you comprehend what you will move and anything that should be discarded before the enormous day. It will likewise enable your evacuation to organization get a thought of the volume of things you will require moved before they visit for a pre-move study. Keep in mind, the less furniture you move, the less expensive your turn will be. Above all, get up to 5 cites from nearby expulsion organizations for your moving administration.

- Get evacuations cites
- Discover a mover for your home review
- Make a full inventory of your possessions
- Choose what to take to your new home and where you'll put them – a story plan of your new home may encourage; your vender or bequest specialist ought to have one
- Start to clean out cupboards and place possessions in usable piles/larger rooms
- Find out the best ways to [purge your unwanted possessions](#). Remember, removal companies quote on volume so the less you have to move, the cheaper your move will be
- Collect packaging materials – your removal company may be able to supply you with them
- If you're relocating due to a job move, find out what costs your employer will cover
- Check the leaving limitations for vast evacuations vehicles at your present home and at your new home. Your expulsions firm may need to apply to the Council for licenses

1 month before moving

With multi month left before you move, you ought to have had a Chartered Surveyor assess your new property and educate you of its basic condition. You will currently have the capacity to converse with your specialist about trading contracts and settling your moving date so you can name your chose evacuation organization and compose leaving courses of action and allows for the expulsions vehicle at the two locations. You ought to likewise consider the movement course to your new home and whether it is appropriate for an extensive expulsions lorry. Keep in mind to print out your moving agenda and stick it on your ice chest!

- Address your specialist about trading contracts and finish your moving date
- Work out a route for your moving day - consider the route for the removals truck and if there are any low bridges or weight restricted areas
- [Find storage facilities](#) if required – your removals company may be able to offer or recommend facilities
- Organise to have your new house cleaned in between the old owners moving out and you moving in
- Order furnishings for your new home and book carpet fitters if any carpets need replacing – visit the property to find out the floor size required
- Start packing non-essential items and least used rooms – for information on when to pack which items check out our [moving home guide](#)
- Clear out the loft, shed, and other storage and outside spaces
- Notify relevant utilities companies and switch home insurance to your new home
- Check that everything you are taking with you in the car fits in the car
- Book medium-term lodging settlement if the adventure is a long one - numerous inn networks offer ordinary advancements where rooms in less well known areas can be reserved moderately economically

2 weeks before moving

It is currently two weeks left until your moving date, where you ought to affirm terrifically essential subtleties and contact numbers with your evacuation organization and domain specialist, schools and so forth in anticipation of your turn. On the off chance that your evacuation organization can't give extra administrations, for example, un-plumbing clothes washers, dismantling/reassembling furniture and pressing, it would be a decent time to sort out these as well. On your moving day, it is helpful to have kids and pets thought about at an alternate area if conceivable - recognizable family and companions would be the best choice, so start to request that suitable individuals check whether they are accessible.

- Finalise details with the removals company – confirm times, emergency numbers, parking and directions
- Check you have sufficient medication for the moving period
- Arrange child and pet care for your moving day – don't be afraid to ask friends and family
- Book people to carry out services if your removal company is not providing them e.g. house cleaning, dismantling of flat pack furniture, plumber for the dishwasher and washing machines
- Safely dispose of all flammable materials and liquids that require specialist treatment – your removal company cannot move dangerous liquids
- Cancel local services you receive and settle outstanding bills e.g. newspapers, gardeners, cleaners, window cleaner, oil deliveries
- Run down freezer foods and other perishables

1 weeks before moving

It's your last week at your old location before moving into your new home, and amid this week you ought to arrange terrifically essential records and guarantee they are put away some place safe yet available. Your pressing ought to be nearly completed so you'll be prepared to go on the day and your expulsions firm can begin speedily, yet ensure you have forgotten all things vital for your Moving Day Survival Kit of basics to get you through your turn sound.

- Put important items and documents in a plain, sturdy box for safe keeping e.g. passports, driving licenses, house deeds, wills, insurance papers, jewellery and cash
- Prepare a [Moving Day Survival Kit](#) containing everything you need to get you through the day unscathed
- Finish as much of your packing as possible so you have everything ready to go – make sure you do this systematically and don't forget about outdoor toys and equipment
- Cross-reference boxes to rooms – check out our [advice on colour labelling boxes](#)
- Gather together keys for your current property
- Give the post office your new address and arrange mail redirection service – you can start the process [here](#)
- Defrost the fridge and freezer – ensure they are completely dry before moving
- Return any borrowed items
- Give away plants and flowers you won't be taking with you – it is not easy for removal companies to move potted plants
- Wash and dry all linen and clothing – box up and label so it's ready to be unpacked at your new house
- Make arrangements to pay for your move and ensure you have sufficient cash assets in the bank for emergencies
- Send out change of address cards to friends and relatives - for a full list of who to notify when moving house take a look at our [Change of Address Checklist](#)
- Book a time to collect keys to your new home from the Estate Agent

1 day before moving

It's your most recent 24 hours at your old location; it's the ideal opportunity for a last check and stroll round the property to guarantee nothing will be deserted and everything is stuffed and prepared for travel. You ought to have a night sack for all individuals from your family pressed to help all of you settle in to your new home and have a decent night's rest, ensure this is isolated from the things running with the evacuation lorry. Keep in mind to completely charge your cell phone!

- Walk around your house for a final, thorough check – take your time doing this to ensure you leave nothing
- Pack a night bag for the family so you have your toothbrush, pyjamas, washbag and towels handy
- Put together a mini-toolkit including a sharp knife for opening boxes on arrival
- Ensure you have the keys to your new house, or have arranged to collect them in advance and gather together keys for all locks from your old home
- Ensure your mobile phone is fully charged
- Inform friends and relatives of the time of your move and have several 'on call' to help you if needed



On the day you move

On multi day where feelings can run high, it is critical to have an arrangement and recognize what you have to do on your last morning at the property. Be prepared for when your removal organization arrives so they can start instantly and distinguish whether any cases require extraordinary consideration or are not to be taken by them. Ensure you take the meter readings for you to provide for your suppliers and leave the keys for the new proprietor. It's currently time to move to your new home.

- Record all utility meter readings for water, electricity and gas. We recommend taking a photo of the meters with your mobile phone
- Strip the beds and pack your bedding and curtains
- Identify fragile boxes and items going with you in the car to your removals team
- Ensure one person stays until your movers have finished packing to check the packing inventory – make sure you are happy everything is accounted for as you will have to sign as confirmation
- Leave all the sets of keys as arranged for the new owners
- Check all windows are secure and utilities are switched off
- Give your movers several copies of emergency contact details and directions to your new house
- Keep copies of contact details for your conveyancer, estate agent and removal company

Once you are in your new home

Upon landing in your new home it is essential to make your expulsion organization mindful of any extraordinary directions and that they realize which room the cases are gone to. Ensure you are cheerful that everything on your stock is represented before your moving organization leaves. Be that as it may, first of all - it's an ideal opportunity to get the pot on; your family and expulsions group will welcome it!

- Get the kettle going for teas and coffees and unpack the biscuits for the moving company and your family
- Confirm what is to be moved where and any special instructions to your removal company – make sure you have one person ready and available at the new property to guide them around the house. If you colour code the rooms on the floor plan to correspond with boxes this will make it easier for them
- Account for each item on your inventory – check for any damaged and missing items only sign it once you are happy
- Unpack your 'survival kit'
- Place moving and other important documents in a safe place where they won't get disturbed – in the bath is quite a useful place!
- Read utility meters in your new home – the camera on your phone is a good way to record them
- Check all the keys for the property work before the locksmith leaves
- Inspect the garden – make sure it is child/pet-proof if applicable (check for hidden ponds)
- Sweep for items – if the previous owners have left anything put it in a box and arrange for delivery at a later date

After you have moved in

Following quite a while of arrangement and arranging, you and your family are in your new home. It is imperative to ensure everybody is agreeable in their new environment and begin feeling settled in at home as quickly as time permits. Following a bustling moving day, don't attempt to unload everything without a moment's delay, make up the beds and after that go through the night unwinding with friends and family and a celebratory takeaway, and salute yourself on enduring the day.

- Do a quick clean and tidy, then make the beds so you can fall straight into them tonight
- Plug in your telephones, mobile phones and larger appliances such as fridges and freezers
- Use the boiler and heating – ensure you know how to use it so you can have a hot shower and a warm house this evening
- Settle younger children in a room with some toys and treats
- If possible, keep pets away until you're settled in
- Make a note of emergency contact numbers e.g. out of hours doctors, taxi numbers, vets, local hospitals etc

Here are some things you may wish to do:

- Let older children organise their own rooms – you may want to rearrange things in the future but it will help them feel at home
- Rearrange deliveries - talk to the milkman to have your milk delivered and arrange to get your daily newspaper again
- Talk to neighbours - don't be a stranger or you'll quickly feel isolated. Invite neighbours round for coffee
- Sort your bedroom – not permanently, but give it a once over and put up some photos. You need a safe, comfortable haven to retire to at the end of the long day