

Checklist for moving home

As moving day approaches, there is an array of things that need doing and people that need telling. We've created a handy checklist for you to use to keep track of all the important steps along the way.

In the run up:

- Declutter – Now is a great time to declutter your belongings and donate/sell any items you don't need
- Start packing up non essential items like out of season clothes and books
- Arrange home insurance – This will need to be in place from the date of exchange of contracts and will be a condition of your mortgage offer. It is a good idea to insure your contents and belongings as well. You can obtain quotes so that you have a policy ready when exchange of contracts happens.
- Get quotes on removals – This can be done via professional removal services or alternatively you could self-hire a van to move your belongings. Please bear in mind if you are planning to rent a vehicle that you will need to move your belongings out of your sale property ON the day of completion and so you may have limited time.

Post Exchange, prior to completion:

- Hand in your notice – If you are currently renting, you will need to terminate your tenancy and let your landlord know that you are leaving the property.
- Contact utility suppliers – Let all of the utility suppliers – (electricity, gas, phone and broadband) know when you're due to leave the property. If you are moving services such as phone and broadband/TV subscriptions, it is important to give the supplier as much notice as possible as the moving service may take some time.

You may have to wait for an internet connection to be set up at your new property so it is a good idea to ensure you have alternative arrangements such as mobile data if required and to download anything important you may need in the meantime

- Pack up your belongings – A handy hint is to label the boxes by room and include lists of everything that is in the box.
- Dismantle any flat pack furniture – Don't forget about your outdoor items and the loft/basement
- Reroute post – This can be done using a postal redirection service via the post office for a fee and this can be done online.
- Cancel any local subscriptions such as window cleaning, milk deliveries and newspapers
- Arrange pet and child care for moving day



On Moving Day:

At your sale property:

- Take a final meter reading – Pass this on to the suppliers when you leave the property. It can be useful to take a photo to show when the meter reading was taken
- Take photos of the empty rooms as proof of the condition – Make sure any windows and doors are locked and secure and the lights are turned off
- One last walkthrough to check you haven't forgot anything – Hand your keys into the estate agent once your solicitor confirms completion

At your new property:


- Take a meter reading of your new property and take a photo
- Check all of the keys work
- Unload and unpack confirming any special instructions with the removal company
- Check all boxes are accounted for and there is no damage

Afterwards:

- Register to vote – This isn't done automatically.
- Notify the following of your address change:
 - DVLA
 - Employer / Schools etc.
 - Pet microchip databases
 - Banks / credit card companies
 - HMRC
 - the council
 - TV licensing
 - your GP
 - Dentist
 - Insurance providers
 - Family and friends
 - also don't forget to change your address with online retailers so your packages don't get sent to your old address!



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