

Moving House Checklist UK

A comprehensive printable checklist to help you stay organised before, during and after your move.

How to use this checklist

Work through each stage in order and tick items off as they are done. You can print this page and keep it with your moving documents, or save it digitally and refer back to it as your move progresses.

Move details

- Moving date: _____
- New address: _____
- Removal company: _____
- Estate agent / landlord: _____

1 6 to 8 weeks before moving

Start planning early so you are not rushing later.

- Confirm your **moving date** if possible
- Book a **removal company** or arrange van hire
- Get quotes for removals, packing help or storage if needed
- Start **decluttering** and decide what to keep, donate, sell or recycle
- Measure large furniture to make sure it fits in your new home
- Create a moving folder for quotes, contracts, receipts and key contacts
- Set a budget for boxes, tape, removals, cleaning and other moving costs

Decluttering now can save both packing time and removal costs later.

2 4 weeks before moving

Start locking in services and preparing your current home.

- Notify your **landlord** if you are renting
- Arrange **buildings or contents insurance** for your new property
- Book or transfer your **broadband** and TV services
- Contact gas, electricity and water suppliers about your move
- Order packing materials including boxes, tape, labels and protective wrap
- Start packing **non-essential items** such as books, décor and seasonal clothes
- Arrange time off work for moving day if needed

3 2 weeks before moving

Focus on admin, address changes and confirming details.

Who to notify

- Bank and credit card providers
- Employer
- DVLA for your driving licence and vehicle logbook
- HMRC where relevant
- Insurance providers
- GP, dentist and healthcare providers
- Subscriptions and online shopping accounts

Other key jobs

- Set up **mail redirection** if needed
- Confirm arrangements with the removal company
- Arrange pet or child care for moving day if helpful
- Continue packing room by room
- Label boxes clearly with room names and priorities
- Separate important documents so they stay with you

4 1 week before moving

Get everything ready for the move itself.

- Finish packing everything except daily essentials
- Defrost the freezer if required
- Use up perishable food where possible
- Wash any remaining laundry
- Pack a **moving day essentials box**
- Prepare basic cleaning supplies for both properties
- Confirm key collection and handover arrangements

Essentials box ideas: chargers, toiletries, medication, kettle, mugs, snacks, bottled water, toilet roll, cleaning spray and basic tools.

5 Moving day

Keep this section nearby on the day itself.

Before leaving your old home

- Take final gas, electricity and water **meter readings**
- Photograph meter readings for your records
- Check cupboards, loft, garage, shed and under beds
- Make sure all windows are closed and doors locked
- Leave keys as agreed with the buyer, landlord or agent

When you arrive at your new home

- Take new meter readings immediately
- Check water, heating and electrics are working
- Locate the stopcock and fuse box
- Unpack essentials first
- Make beds early so the first night is easier

6 After moving in

Finish off the final admin and settling-in jobs.

- Update your address on the **electoral roll**
- Register with a new GP if you have moved area
- Set up your council tax account
- Check bin collection days and local recycling rules
- Update delivery addresses for online shopping accounts
- Introduce yourself to neighbours if you want to
- Keep all moving receipts and confirmations together

7 Notes

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