

checklist - Ready to move

one month before move

- Arrange time off of work
- Book a removal firm or, if you are doing it yourself, arrange van hire.
- Start collecting boxes and packaging, ready to pack up your belongings.
- If possible, arrange for someone to look after your children and pets to make the move easier on the day.
- Start getting rid of the things you don't need! There is no point in packing these and transporting them to your new home.
- Inform your telephone provider, arrange a reconnection as required and check whether you can transfer your existing number to your new property.
- Arrange to have your mail redirected from the date of move.

one week before move

- Arrange for a professional tradesperson to disconnect any electrical or gas appliances you are taking with you when you move.
- Inform your utility providers (gas, electric, water and telephone) that you are moving and remember to take final readings on the day you move of both the home you are leaving and the property you are moving in to.
- Begin to pack away the things you will not need within the next 7 days.
- Remove any fittings you may be taking with you - for example shelves, light fittings and pictures. Remember to leave the items you have previously agreed to with the person purchasing your property.
- Do the same with items in the garden, but only as agreed.
- Amend any direct debits as necessary for your new home.

24 hours to go!

It's a good idea to ensure you have a kettle, tea bags, coffee and milk handy at the new address. Pack these separately so they're easy to hand, along with toilet rolls, basic cutlery, perhaps some snacks and your important documents. Try to keep your cash, credit cards and items of particular value with you.



Disconnect appliances - your professional tradesperson should call to disconnect any which involve gas or are wired directly to the mains electricity.



Moving day

Lock all the windows of the house and leave the keys for these at the property.



Turn off gas, electric and water and remember to take a final meter reading.



When you leave the property for the last time take the keys to the estate agent or give to the new owner, as agreed.



Tips

- :: Try to keep calm on the day! Moving house can be a traumatic and stressful time. Remember you'll have plenty of time to organise things once the move has taken place - just try and get the basics done on the day, as necessary, and don't over do it.
- :: Ensure that your belongings are fully insured when you move and whilst they are in transit.
- :: Label boxes so that people know where to put things - it's far easier when you come to unpack later.
- :: Don't over pack boxes so that they're too heavy to lift or break in transit.
- :: If you're using a removal firm, let them know where you want various furniture to be placed; consider drawing them a plan.