

ULTIMATE GUIDE TO  
**MOVING HOME**



Moving to a new house can be a stressful time, especially if you're not prepared. To help ease the stress, we've put together a list of things to help you get merrily moving.

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**WHEN YOU MAKE  
THE DECISION  
THAT IT'S TIME  
TO MOVE...**

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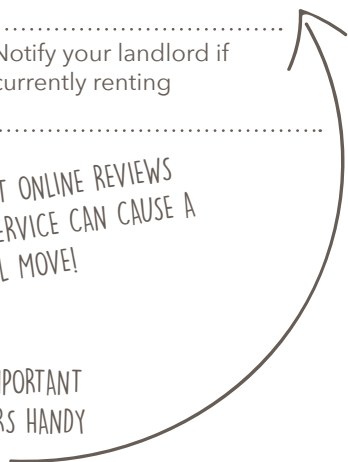
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Estate agent

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Mortgage adviser/general  
insurance

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Notify your landlord if  
currently renting

CHECK OUT ONLINE REVIEWS  
AS BAD SERVICE CAN CAUSE A  
STRESSFUL MOVE!

KEEP IMPORTANT  
NUMBERS HANDY



6 WEEKS BEFORE



## TIME TO DECLUTTER!

There's no point packing and moving stuff that you never use. Don't be a hoarder... your trash could be another person's treasure!



- Start your clear out in your loft, basements and/or garage.
  - Ask yourself is it beautiful, sentimental or useful? If the answer is no.... It's time to get rid.
  - Think about the last time it was used. More than one year ago? Time to part with it.
  - Think about the items you want to take and those you'll leave behind.
- For example, curtains, carpets, light fittings.

### OUT WITH THE OLD IN WITH THE NEW

- Measure up the space in your new home to check your furniture fits.
- Donate any furniture or other items that are in good nick to charity.



# TIP

Check with the removal company what they do and don't need you to pack. You might not need to empty every draw/cabinet/wardrobe etc sometimes they'll just film wrap them and take them whole.

## REMOVALS

Are you hiring a removal company? Get some quotes before choosing. Check what they offer for their price e.g. packing service, dismantling furniture, etc. Some will even build furniture and fit light fittings. Which is very handy if you're not very handy.

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Price:

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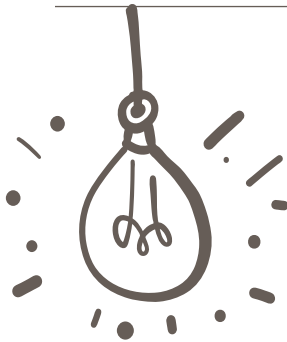
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## INSURANCE

Home insurance is important before, during and after the move.

Your current property should already have buildings and contents in place. But it's important that your buildings insurance covers you right up until you move out.

To exchange on your new home you'll need to have at least buildings insurance in place. But it's advisable to also arrange your contents cover ahead of moving in.



IT WOULD BE  
A GOOD IDEA

to get advice from a  
financial adviser to ensure  
the cover in place is  
correct at the right times.

## SIX WEEKS BEFORE

Are you planning to downsize or move somewhere bigger? If so, this could affect the cover you need for the contents in your home.

Are you planning to purchase new furniture?

Will your current insurance cover your contents in transit?

Consider whether you need insurance for any delays or if move date is postponed.

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**TIP**

Take a look at this contents calculator to help

# HOW MUCH ARE ALL YOUR *things* WORTH?

Did you know the average value of contents in a three bedroom family home is estimated at £55,000<sup>1</sup>?

## BEDROOMS

FURNITURE	£
TVS	£
SHOES AND CLOTHES	£
JEWELLERY AND WATCHES	£
CARPETS AND CURTAINS	£
SOFT FURNISHINGS	£
PICTURES AND ART	£
MIRRORS AND ORNAMENTS	£
ACCESSORIES	£
OTHER	£
<b>TOTAL</b>	£ _____

## KITCHEN

FRIDGE FREEZER	£
FURNITURE	£
OVEN	£
WASHING MACHINE	£
TUMBLE DRYER	£
MICROWAVE	£
KETTLE & TOASTER	£
COFFEE MACHINE	£
BLENDER	£
POTS, PANS & UTENSILS	£
PICTURES, MIRRORS & ORNAMENTS	£
OTHER	£
<b>TOTAL</b>	£ _____

## OUTDOORS

PATIO SET	£
GARDENING EQUIPMENT	£
TOOLS	£
BIKES	£
BBQ	£
OTHER	£
<b>TOTAL</b>	£ _____

## LIVING ROOM

SOFAS AND CHAIRS	£
FURNITURE	£
TV, COMPUTERS AND LAPTOPS	£
STEREOS & SPEAKERS	£
GAMES CONSOLES	£
DVDS, VIDEO GAMES AND BOOKS	£
DIGITAL DOWNLOADS INC. MUSIC	£
CARPETS AND CURTAINS	£
SOFT FURNISHINGS	£
PICTURES AND ART	£
MIRRORS AND ORNAMENTS	£
OTHER	£
<b>TOTAL</b>	£ _____

## DINING ROOM

FURNITURE	£
CARPETS AND CURTAINS	£
SOFT FURNISHINGS	£
PICTURES AND ART	£
MIRRORS AND ORNAMENTS	£
OTHER	£
<b>TOTAL</b>	£ _____

## THE REST OF THE HOUSE

CABINETS AND SHELVES	£
SOFT FURNISHINGS	£
PHONES	£
TABLETS	£
MP3 PLAYERS	£
HANDHELD GAMES CONSOLES	£
E-READERS	£
CAMERAS	£
SAT NAVS	£
PRINTERS	£
TOYS	£
OTHER	£
<b>TOTAL</b>	£ _____

**GRAND TOTAL: £ \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>1</sup>ABI.org.uk Insurance and savings

# 4 WEEKS BEFORE



## PACKING & STORAGE

Start collecting boxes from your local supermarket or you can purchase proper packing boxes online.

When packing, label the room on the box so your removal company knows where to put it when they get to the new house. If you're getting a house with multiple bedrooms or lounge rooms, stick signs up on the doors to let the removal company know which room is which.

List the main things in the box, especially anything you think you might need in the first few days. And, if you need it, book storage.

## NOTIFYING CHANGE OF ADDRESS

You'll need to contact the relevant utility companies of your move. Have a shop around to see if you can switch and save on gas, electricity, broadband, TV licence & other subscriptions.

### UTILITY PROVIDERS AND PRICES

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Contact Royal Mail to get your mail redirected in case there's anything you miss. More than missing, it could pose an identity theft threat.

Any other companies/people that will need to be informed of your change of address?

- Bank
- Car insurance/DVLA
- Change electoral roll
- Tax
- Milk man
- Newspaper

The following may also need to be notified or you may need to find new ones in the area you're moving to.

- Doctor
- Dentist
- New schools
- Nurseries

# 2 WEEKS BEFORE

- If you need to, arrange for someone to have the kids/pets.
- Get some pet calming treatments to stop them stressing during all the upheaval.
- Start running down freezer foods: plan meals around what you want used up (good to save a bit of cash ahead of the move too).

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## WEEK BEFORE



### ALMOST THERE

- Confirm arrival time and final arrangements with your removal company including directions or postcode of your new property and any access issues.
- Be a nice neighbour and speak to your current neighbours about any disruption during the upcoming move.
- Butter up your new neighbours; introduce yourselves ahead of move in day.
- Arrange for the professional disconnection of gas cookers, washing machines or any other appliances you're taking with you.
- Start dismantling any flat pack furniture/check if this is something your removal company will do (if using).
- Contact locksmiths and arrange them to fit new locks to your property (not a must but something to consider for extra security).
- Check the legalities of what can and can't be left in your home:  
For example, if you take light fittings you can't leave exposed wires etc.

# 3 DAYS BEFORE



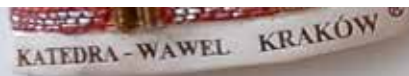
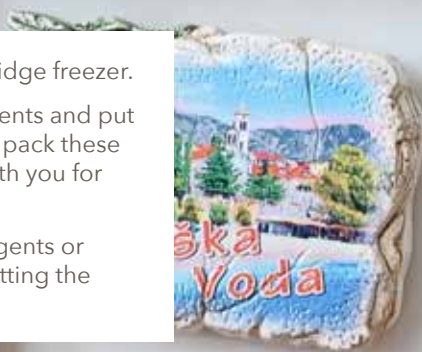
- Do last minute laundry.
- Any spare keys should be clearly labelled and left where they will be seen on moving day.
- Make up a box of refreshments and essential items for your first few days - such as toilet roll, light bulbs, tea making equipment, takeaway menu, scissors, toiletries, pen and paper, torch, first aid kit, a few pieces of basic cutlery, crockery, corkscrew and of course a bottle of champagne!



# 2 DAYS BEFORE



- Defrost and dry out your fridge freezer.
- Pack valuables and documents and put them in a safe place. Don't pack these in a box but place in car with you for easy access.
- Confirm with your estate agents or landlord when you'll be getting the keys to your new property.



- All packing should be done apart from essentials items in the kitchen and bathroom. Don't forget to leave out the kettle and tea making items including bedding to sleep on for the first night.
- Start some of the cleaning ahead of tomorrow.
- Charge your mobile phone, as you'll need it tomorrow.
- Do a final check of cupboards, the loft, sheds etc. so that nothing is left behind.
- If doing so, drop pets off with someone who you've arranged to look after them.



ENJOY YOUR  
LAST NIGHT, BY  
REMINISCING ABOUT  
THE GOOD TIMES.



# MOVING



CLEARING OUT  
PACKING WOES • GOODBYES  
OLD MEMORIES  
**BOXES**  
NEW ♡ HOME  
NEW BEGINNINGS  
CHANGE OF ADDRESS

# DAY



# TODAY'S THE DAY!

- Welcome your removal team and show them all items that are going and anything that's staying. Make sure your removals know of any boxes etc. in lofts & basements that need moving not just the stuff that's visible.
- Drop the children off with a relative or friend who you've arranged to mind them or organise a corner of the lounge with some of their toys and a few treats. Older children may want specific tasks such as packing up their own personal box.
- Do a final clean of the house.
- Make a note of all meter readings.
- Do a final walk round of property including garage and garden.
- Take the shrubs from the garden that you don't want to leave behind.
- Lock all windows and doors and leave any information which may be useful to the new occupier i.e. where the stopcock is, electric and gas meters, fuse box.  
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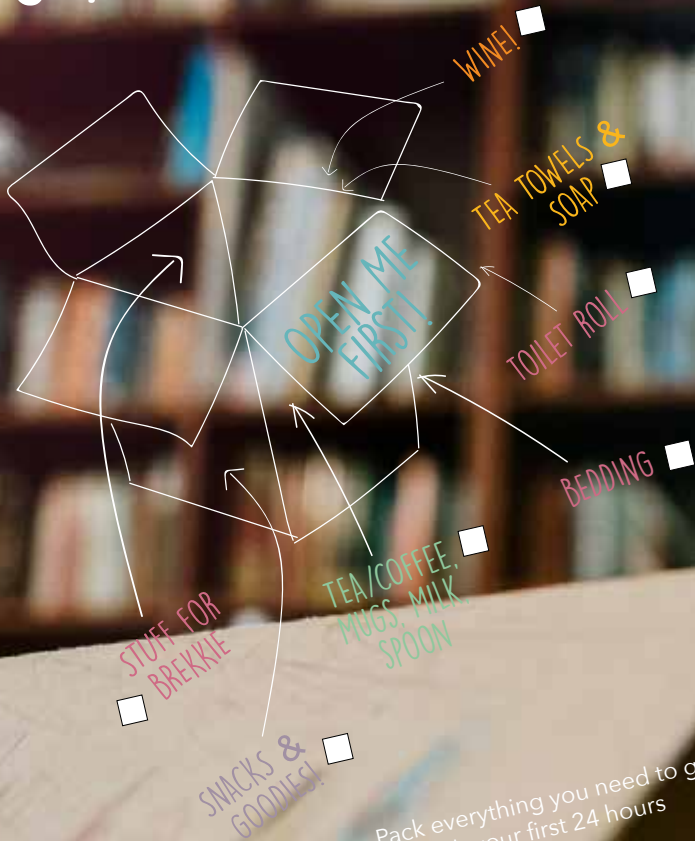


## AT YOUR NEW HOME

- Make sure all services - electric, water and gas - are working.
- Put the kettle on for your removal team when they arrive. Moving is thirsty business! Aim to be there when your removal team arrives so you can show them where you'd like items and boxes to go. When your removal team have finished, check the inside of the van thoroughly; it's your responsibility to make sure all of your belongings are removed.
- Don't try and unpack everything today.
- Order in a takeaway, enjoy a glass of champagne and relax.

HOME IS WHERE THE  
HEART IS EVEN IF YOU  
CAN'T REMEMBER WHICH  
BOX YOU PACKED  
IT IN

# OTHER MOVING TIPS:



Pack everything you need to get you through your first 24 hours



- Pack a suitcase with pyjamas and clothes/toiletries/medicines/ for the next day as if you were staying over in a hotel.
- If you're moving with kids, incorporate them into the moving process by giving them a special box for all their favourite things. Let them decorate the box as wildly as they like.
- Take pictures of your TV (and other complicated electronic device) set-ups. This will make setting up what plugs go where when you arrive at your new place super easy as all you'll need to do is copy what you see. It's likely those manuals went missing a long time ago.

BE A SMARTY PANTS



*Home* IS WHERE YOUR  
**HAPPY**  
**BEGINS**



