# MOVING HOME CHECKLIST





# 4 WEEKS

t p	The exchange of contracts means you've passed the point of no return, and the move is lefinitely on. You'll be glad of everything you've tackled ahead of time as now you need to start the process of contacting pretty much everyone in your address book, both ersonal and the utilities. First on the list should be organisations who send you bills onnected to the house you are leaving.
C	onfirm the date of the move so you have a fixed point of reference.
	Make a floor plan of your new home, colour code each room, and stick co-ordinating stickers on each box so ne removers know where to deposit it.
١	NOTIFICATION CHECKLIST
I	nsurance
Е	lotify your contents insurer and arrange to move the cover to the new address from the day you move in. uildings insurance needs to start on your new home from the day you exchange contracts. Also remember ther policies including: life; motor; medical; pets.
(	Gas, Electric and Water
	et them know your move is imminent, and remember you'll need to take final readings just before you eave.
F	Phone
lı	nform both landline and mobile services <mark>of th</mark> e date of the move and your new address.
(	Council Tax
	flost councils have websites, so visit yours to submit details of when you leave your old house and move into our new.
Е	mployer
L	et your HR department know your new details, and inform the tax office if you are self employed.
S	chools
С	on't forget to update your kid's contacts too.
L	ocksmith
Е	ook a slot to change the <mark>loc</mark> ks in your new h <mark>o</mark> me as soon as you arrive.
S	olicitor
	your conveyancer is not your usual solicitor, be sure to let them know your new information.
ı	nternet, Cable/Satellite TV Service Provider
	rrange for the service to be transferred or shop around for a better deal.
F	Benefits
	lodate your records for any social security payments you may receive.

	2 WEEKS
	It's time to start dismantling your carefully crafted home, room by room, plus there is another raft of people to notify.
	If you've decided to pack for yourself, the marathon begins! Work through non-essential items - books, ornaments, out-of-season clothes, toys - and mark the boxes with what's inside and what room it needs to end up in.
	Confirm the details with your removal firm.
	Arrange a time to collect the keys from the estate agent.
	NOTIFICATION CHECKLIST
	<b>Financial Companies</b> These include your bank, credit card, investments, savings accounts, loans, life assurances, pensions, and shares.
	Doctor and Dentist  Deregister if you're moving out of the area or notify your existing suppliers of your change of contact details.
	Post It takes five days to set up the instruction to redirect your post, so to be on the safe side visit the post office.
	Deliveries
	Notify deliveries such as milk and newspapers that you are moving and the date on which you'd like the service to stop.
	Electoral Register
П	Don't lose your right to vote - go online to update your details.
	TV Licence
	If you don't notify TV Licensing of your new address, you could end up being unlicensed in your new home, risking prosecution and a fine of up to £1,000, so call 0844 800 6722 or visit <a href="https://www.tvlicensing.co.uk">www.tvlicensing.co.uk</a> .
	Friends and Relatives
ш	Sending cards by post can be expensive- go through your email address book and send a message with your new details.
	Non-essential Organisations
	Don't overlook connections you may have to charities, loyalty cards, subscriptions, gym membership, and mail order and internet companies.

# THE NIGHT BEFORE

Aside from the last-minute packing, there are a few more things to do to help the moving day itself run smoothly.

Pack a bag for each member of the family containing their essentials: change of clothes, nightwear, toiletries, and not forgetting bed linen and towels.

Organise a box for the kitchen containing tea, coffee, milk, mugs, cutlery, and the kettle. If you are staying in the same area, include a couple of takeaway menus, as you won't feel like cooking - and may not have the means to - by the end of the day. You may also want to pop in a bottle of bubbly - ideal as there's no need for a bottle opener!

You may want to put together a mini-toolkit with a screwdriver and allen key, knife, tape, light bulbs, candles.

Keep important numbers with you, such as the solicitor and estate agent, and a pen and paper. A copy of the Yellow Pages may be handy if you have room - you never know if you'll need to call a plumber or glazier.

Charge mobile phones.

Defrost the freezer

Put valuables and documents in a safe place.



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