



Things you should consider running up to your moving date. It may seem like you have so much time but adding this to your daily routine may start to seem daunting.

FOUR WEEKS BEFORE LEAVING

- Think about getting your post redirected through Royal Mail, you don't want to miss any of your confidential documents. There is a fee to set this up
- Finalise details with your removal company and let them know your confirmed date of completion. If you have parking restrictions outside your house contact the local authority about the removal truck to park on the moving date.
- You may want to transfer your TV licence over to your new home, this can actually be done up to three months before your moving date.
- Contacting the existing school and new school with regards to your child's leaving and starting date respectively.
- Choose your new doctors and dentists
- Start to use up the items you have at the back of your cupboards and be mindful of items you buy for your freezer, this will mean you have less items to transport.
- If you are not moving straight away to your new home and you're not moving in with family/friends, remember to book that hotel.

TWO WEEKS BEFORE LEAVING

- Ask for boxes from your removal company and start packing and sorting items in your house. Be ruthless, you really don't want to take items to your new home only to throw them out.
- If you are moving across the country it might be an idea to take a check on your car making sure it is up for the travelling.
- You should consider your pets at this time, it might be an idea to leave them with a neighbour or family so they don't get under your feet. This may also be useful for small children maybe ask their grandparents or friends to take them for the day.
- Remember to return anything that you have borrowed, from library books to any thing you have borrowed with friends and neighbours.
- If you are wanting internet in your new home, you can order your router at least a week in advance as delivery can take up to seven days. This will mean that you can get connected sooner.



ONE WEEK BEFORE LEAVING

- Very importantly tell official companies about your change of your address, if you drive the DVLA need to know your change of address, so does your bank and HMRC too.
- Sort out your Council Tax at your new address in order to avoid any larger fees.
- Try and finish all your packing in advance as possible, remember to mark your boxes with what is in them, this will help when you are unpacking.
- Wash and dry all your linen and clothing so they are all ready to unpack or hung in your wardrobes.
- Check with your home insurance that your belongings will be covered during the moving process. Don't forget to change your address with Life, Car, Pet and Medical insurance. This also applies to your magazine subscriptions.
- Obviously by now your neighbours will know that you are moving however, it might be nice to pop round and let them know your new address and telephone number in case anything is delivered to your house after you have left.

THE DAY BEFORE LEAVING

- Remember to take final meter reading on your gas, electric and water and let your agents know and solicitor.
- Pack an overnight bag with pyjamas, toothbrush and other essentials to get you through the moving day oh and don't forget the toilet paper.
- As well as all your essentials make sure light bulbs, fuses tools, candles, matches, cash, phone charges and a list of important telephone numbers to hand.
- Remember to charge your phone
- Keep valuables and documents together and with you.
- If you are taking your freezer this is the day to defrost so it is ready to move to its new home.
- If you are really on the ball you may want to do an online shop to be delivered to your new home a few days later.

MOVING DAY

- Its finally here strip your bed linen and put them together with any pyjamas which will then be ready to wash when you get to your new home.
- Visit each room and do a quick clean and make sure you have not left anything.
- Make sure your removal company have all the correct instructions, being careful of certain boxes if needed. Important thing is to make sure there is someone at the new property to help them move the right boxes into the right room.
- Take pictures of the utility meters in your new home on your phone
- Have tea, coffee and biscuits to hand to keep you and your movers going throughout the move.
- Remember to check that the keys you have work all the doors.
- Check the van to make sure it is empty.
- Once all your boxes and furniture are in your new home you can now relax and enjoy your new home.