

Moving Home Checklist

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When moving home there are a variety of things you can do to help yourself and to help us to move you more efficiently and effectively. Create a moving home checklist of things you need to do in the weeks and days leading up to your moving date and additionally a checklist for things you need to do and bring on the day of your move. By planning in advance you can save yourself a lot of time and money. And this will help remove some of the stress associated with moving home.

Preparing to move

Preparing to move can be a good time to start de cluttering and getting rid of items that you do not need, use or want anymore. Or it could be that you want to purchase new items for your new home. Think about having a garage sale.

So in short don't waste money moving items that you will be not using or eventually throwing away.

Oh and be sure to run down items in your food cupboards, fridge and freezers.

Think about storage of large and unnecessary items

It can also be a good idea to move some of your items or furniture into storage, especially if you will be carrying out building work, a refurbishment and will be redecorating your new home, or having new flooring or carpets fitted. This will be made much easier with less items to work around and with less furniture that needs to be covered for protection against dust, damage or paint.

Notify important people you are moving

There are many people you will need to notify that you are moving, such as postman, redirecting your mail, utilities companies, (take meter readings), doctor/GP, dentist, optician, milkman, newspapers. And don't forget to notify the bank of any changes to direct debits and standing orders. Furthermore make a list of friends, family and colleagues who should know about the move. Send out change of address or moving home cards.

Final moving preparation checklist

- Defrost Fridges and Freezers. Loop up and secure trailing cables to ensure they don't become a trip hazard when moving,
- Keep personal possessions to hand i.e. passports, jewellery, important documents,
- Clean your house or arrange for a professional cleaning company to come in and do it for you,
- Get and give the movers the directions of your new home,
- Parking and Access. Check their will be room outside both properties for your removal van or lorry and acquire any special parking permits if required,
- Make a list of important contact details i.e. Solicitors, Estate Agent, Mortgage Broker.
- Ensure your contents insurance covers you from the day you move in.

Things to consider for your move

Food and drink - Remember that when a freezer or fridge is moved it needs to be stood upright in it's final position for about 24 hours.

It is a good idea to put together a box of items that you will need right away including some refreshments. Things like a kettle, cups, teaspoons, tea, coffee, sugar, milk and a pack of biscuits will be very welcome. Even a couple of glasses for that all important bottle of champagne to celebrate your first day in your new home.

Other essential items - There are a variety of other items you may need straight away, so to avoid having to search through dozens of boxes put together a box to cover all eventualities. Things like, Torch, Chargers, Pen and Paper, Scissors, Knife, First Aid Kit, Hand Soap and Towel and a spare change of clothes and toiletries. Including Loo Roll!

Packaging and labelling - Label all boxes, containers and items with which room they will be moved too, and a brief description of what's inside. Apply the labels to the top and side of all the boxes so you know what they are when they're stacked.

Small items and things that can easily be lost - Put screws and bolts from bits of furniture in zip lock bags, label with a sharpie pen and stick it to the relevant bit of furniture with tape.

Protect flooring - If you have just had new carpet or flooring put down in your new home be sure to flatten some cardboard boxes or use tarpaulin and lay it down to protect all your floors. Especially crucial if it is raining on the day of your move and mud maybe an issue too.

Furniture first - Move the furniture into the house first, this will prevent you from moving boxes around them to make room. or even tripping over them when you are carrying the big items.

Lights - Make sure there are lightbulbs and or the power is on - you don't want to have to go to the shops mid move or even worse you may be arriving when it's already dark and the shops are closed.

House keys - Make sure you have the keys to your new property/home. And also think about hiring a locksmith to come round and change all your locks to be on the safe side.