

# MOVING CHECKLIST



## 1 Month before you move

- ❑ Need help moving? Book a professional removal company to help you move your stuff.
- ❑ De-clutter - have a good sort out, get rid of the junk, sell or give away any unwanted items.
- ❑ Make a contact list. The amount of people you need to update when you move can feel never-ending. So write a list. Aside from friends and family, think about council tax, HMRC, TV licence, DVLA, store cards and banks amongst many others. Tick off as you go along.
- ❑ Order packing materials and start collecting boxes to help you transport your belongings. (Unless your removal company has this covered).
- ❑ Does your new pad need a new look? If so, get ordering new furniture and be sure to delay the delivery date until after you have moved in.
- ❑ Start packing the non-essentials e.g. pictures, spare duvets etc.

## 2 weeks before you move

- ❑ Fresh is normally best - but not when you're about to move and have a stack load in the freezer. Start clearing your freezer contents down and only shop for the things you really need.
- ❑ Arrange for the professionals to clean the place up so the property is left in good order.
- ❑ Contact Royal Mail to get your mail to redirected.
- ❑ Sort out the utilities in your new home - gas, electricity, broadband, telephone. Get the best deals by shopping around.
- ❑ Children and pets need to be kept safe, so sort out care for them so moving day can go smoothly.
- ❑ Don't forget to cancel deliveries of newspapers, milk etc.
- ❑ Prepare to be safe in your new house - get contents insurance for your new home.

## 1 week before your move

- ❑ Start packing those boxes - making sure you label boxes clearly, so you can easily unpack.
- ❑ Time to clean your old home and tidy the garden up (if you've got one! And you're not using the professionals to spruce it up).
- ❑ Defrost and clean the freezer.
- ❑ If you haven't done it yet then let the important people know of your change of address like your bank, TV Licensing, credit cards etc.
- ❑ Don't forget to take pics of each room and area, esp if you're concerned you may have issues with getting your deposit back.

## The day before your move

- ❑ Make a separate box for the things you'll need straight away at your new home. Top items to pack: important docs, cleaning supplies, light bulbs, kettle, PJs and toilet roll.
- ❑ Check in with your removal company and confirm the arrival time and let them know of any last minute changes.

## Moving Day!

- ❑ Don't get overcharged. Make sure to get a final reading for gas, electric and water (take photos if you can) and let your utility companies know, then turn down the thermostat and turn off the water heater - especially if you don't know when the next people will move in.
- ❑ Leave contact dets for the new occupants or letting agents of your old house, in case they want to forward on any post.
- ❑ Check all windows and doors are locked and that you've not left anything behind.
- ❑ Collect the keys for your new home and hand in your old ones.
- ❑ Check out your new place properly. Identify any damage or issues you may need to raise with the landlord/agents. Take photos as evidence if you need to.
- ❑ Take the meter readings of the new property.