



Ultimate Pre-Move Checklist

A Few Months Before the Move	
	Arrange your mortgage
	Scout out your new area for information about local news and facilities
	If you are currently renting, confirm your moving date with your landlord
	Get valuable possessions assessed for insurance and make sure your insurance policy covers your move.
	Purchase a 'moving planner', a journal or file to keep documents and notes on your move, include; to-do lists, important numbers, business cards, dates and details of conversations
	<u>Notes</u>

6 Weeks Before the Move	
	Start shopping around for the right removals company , get quotes from several companies
	Make a full inventory of your possessions
	Make a clear list of what you're going to take to your new home, and if possible, what room it is going to go into
	Start to clean out cupboards and place possessions in usable piles/larger rooms

	Moving is a great excuse for a purge of your possessions, sort out what you're taking and what you're disposing of, selling, or giving away and start that process early
	Start organising and collecting packing materials
	Arrange for parking permits for the removal truck at your old and new houses if necessary
	<u>Notes</u>

1 Month Before the Move

	Exchange contracts and finalise your moving date with your Solicitor
	Confirm your booking with your removals company and double check their pricing
	Do a dry run, and confirm a route for your moving day considering the size of the removal truck against low bridges or narrow streets
	Organise to have your new house cleaned in between the old owners moving out and you moving in
	Visit the property and arrange for any necessary repair or maintenance work to be done, functional or aesthetic
	Start packing non-essential items and least used rooms
	Clear out and clean the attic, shed, and other storage spaces
	Notify relevant utilities companies and switch home insurance to your new home
	Check that all important documents, stuff, and people, can all fit in the car you're taking on the day
	Book overnight hotel accommodation if the journey is a long one

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2 Weeks Before the Move

	Finalise details with the removals company – confirm times, emergency numbers, parking and directions
	Ask friends and family for help
	Book people to carry out services if your removal company is not providing them e.g. house cleaning, dismantling of flat pack furniture, plumber for the dishwasher and washing machines
	Identify and dispose of any dangerous or flammable liquids your removals company cannot touch
	Cancel local services you receive and settle outstanding bills e.g. newspapers, gardeners, cleaners, window cleaner, oil deliveries
	<p><u>Notes</u></p>

1 Week Before the Move

	Put important items and documents in a recognisable, safe box for safe keeping e.g. passports, driving licenses, house deeds, wills, insurance papers, jewellery and cash
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	Make a note of important information for the new homeowners, as well as asking any pertinent questions of your estate agent, the location of the heating controls etc.
	Prepare a Moving Day Survival Kit containing everything you need to get you through the day unscathed
	Finish as much of your packing as possible so you have everything ready to go – making sure to clearly label and reference boxes
	Collect all your keys for your current property
	Defrost the fridge and freezer – ensure they are completely dry before moving
	Give away plants and flowers that may get damaged in the move, or give them to temporary caretakers
	Wash and dry all linen and clothing – box up and label
	Ensure that all friends, family and relevant bodies know of your new address
	Book a time to collect keys to your new home from the Estate Agent
	<u>Notes</u>

The Day Before the Move

	Walk around your house for a final, thorough check
	Pack an overnight bag for yourself and your family
	Put together a mini-toolkit including a sharp knife for opening boxes on arrival
	Ensure you have the keys to your new house, or have arranged to collect them in advance
	Gather together keys for all locks from you old home

	If friends and family are helping out, double check the arrangements with them and make sure they know the correct address, moving routes and times
	Charge your phone
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