

What Should Be on My Moving House Checklist?



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? 4–6 Weeks Before the Move

- ? Confirm your moving date
- ? Create a digital or paper moving folder
- ? Declutter: donate, sell, or bin what you no longer need
- ? Research and compare [removal companies](#)
- ? [Book your man and van or full removals team](#)
- ? Notify your landlord or solicitor

- ? Arrange child and pet care for moving day
- ?? Start gathering personal documents and valuables

? 2–3 Weeks Before the Move

- ? Pack non-essential items (e.g. books, seasonal clothes)
- ? Label boxes by room and contents
- ? Dismantle furniture if not included in your moving package
- ? Create an [inventory](#) if using an insured service
- ? Notify banks, GP, school, employer, and DVLA of your new address
- ? Apply for parking permits at both addresses
- ? Schedule end-of-tenancy or post-move cleaning if needed

? 1 Week Before the Move

- ? Pack an essentials suitcase: clothes, toiletries, documents
- ?? Defrost and clean the fridge/freezer
- ? Transfer or set up utilities (gas, electric, water, broadband)
- ?? Confirm key handover times with estate agents or landlords
- ? Finish packing most rooms, except for daily-use items
- ? Call your movers to confirm arrival time and parking

? The Day Before Moving Day

- ? Pack final kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom items
- ? Prepare your moving day survival kit: snacks, kettle, loo roll, bin bags
- ? Dismantle beds if you haven't booked disassembly
- ? Clean your home if no cleaner is booked
- ? Make arrangements to secure pets or drop them off elsewhere
- ? Reconfirm parking and access details with your movers

? On Moving Day

- ? Start early and stay energised with drinks and snacks
- ? Keep hallways and entrances clear
- ? Store valuables and documents safely
- ? Keep your essentials bag with you at all times
- ? Walk your movers through the home, noting fragile or special items
- ? Do a final walkthrough to check for forgotten items
- ?? Lock up and hand over keys

? After the Move

- ? Unpack your essentials first: beds, kitchen items, clothes
- ? Reassemble furniture or ask us to help
- ? Ensure utilities are connected and working
- ? Redirect or collect any missed post
- ? Reuse or recycle [packing materials](#)
- ? Celebrate your successful move!

FAQs – Moving House Checklist UK

What should I do first when planning a house move?

Start by confirming your move date, booking movers, and notifying key people like your landlord or solicitor. This sets your timeline and ensures availability for your preferred moving day.

When should I start packing for my move?

Begin packing non-essentials 3–4 weeks before your move. Packing gradually reduces stress and gives you time to organise and declutter.

What documents do I need to change when moving house?

Notify your GP, bank, HMRC, DVLA, utility companies, and your employer. Don't forget to update your address for deliveries and subscriptions.

Who should I notify when I move house?

Inform councils, schools, insurers, the electoral roll, TV licensing, and your vet or doctor. Use the Royal Mail Redirection Service for missed post.

What should I include in my moving day essentials box?

Pack snacks, drinks, phone chargers, keys, toiletries, medications, loo roll, and basic cleaning supplies. This ensures you're not rummaging through boxes when you need something quickly.

How can I make packing for a move easier?

Label boxes clearly, use strong materials, and pack room-by-room. Colour-code if helpful. Declutter as you go to avoid packing what you no longer need.

What should I do the day before moving house?

Pack your final items, prepare an essentials bag, dismantle furniture, and confirm all move details. A quick clean helps make the property move-in ready for new owners or tenants.

What should I do with pets on moving day?

Arrange pet care or keep them in a safe, quiet room away from the activity. Moving can be stressful for animals, so avoid exposure to the chaos where possible.

Should I clean my house before moving out?

Yes, especially if you're renting. A clean property can help you recover your deposit or simply be courteous to the next occupants.

Summary

A successful move starts with a well-structured plan. This moving house checklist helps you stay ahead of key tasks and avoid common pitfalls. Whether you're packing solo or booking a removals team, preparation is the key to a smooth move.

? Ready to move without the stress?

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