

What Should I Do the Night Before Moving Day?



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The night before your move can feel overwhelming. Are you packed? Will the movers arrive on time? Did you forget something important?

Don't worry — with a little planning, the night before moving day can be calm, not chaotic.

At London Man Van, we've helped thousands of customers move smoothly across the city. Follow our expert-approved checklist to ensure you're fully prepared and ready for a stress-free moving experience.

? Final Night Moving Checklist

? 1. Finish Packing (If Not Done Yet)

- Pack any last-minute items like toiletries, chargers, and documents
- Seal and label boxes by room and contents
- Clearly mark boxes that contain fragile items

[?? Need help packing? Learn more about our professional packing services](#)

? 2. Pack a Personal Essentials Bag

- A change of clothes
- Basic toiletries
- Phone charger and power bank
- Water and snacks
- Prescription medications
- Important documents (ID, keys, lease, moving checklist)

? 3. Strip the Beds

- Remove and pack bed linen, pillows, and duvets in labelled bags
- Disassemble bed frames if possible — or confirm if your movers will do it

? 4. Unplug and Defrost Appliances

- Unplug fridges and freezers (leave doors open to defrost)
- Disconnect washing machines and dishwashers
- Tape cables securely to each appliance

? 5. Confirm the Booking Details

- Check arrival time, addresses, and contact info
- Ensure correct [van size](#) and number of movers
- Confirm parking arrangements and permits

[?? Still need a parking permit? See our Parking FAQ](#)

? 6. Clear Access for the Movers

- Remove clutter from hallways and stairways
- Ensure large furniture is ready for removal
- Leave keys accessible for all relevant properties

? 7. Inform Neighbours (Optional)

Giving neighbours a quick heads-up can avoid any disruptions, especially if you share a driveway or are moving early in the morning.

? 8. Take Photos of Valuable Items

- Document condition of fragile or high-value items
- Photograph electronics and pre-existing damage
- Backup digital files in cloud or external drive

? 9. Get a Good Night's Sleep

- Lay out your clothes and essentials for the morning
- Avoid caffeine or heavy meals late in the evening
- Go to bed early to wake up refreshed and focused

? FAQs – The Night Before a Move

Should I pack everything the night before?

Most of your packing should be done 1–2 days before. The night before is ideal for finishing essentials like toiletries and valuables.

Can I leave clothes in drawers or furniture?

Light clothing in sturdy drawers is usually fine. For heavy or fragile furniture, it's safer to empty drawers to prevent damage during transit.

What if I'm not ready by the morning?

Let your [movers](#) know as early as possible. At London Man Van, we aim to be flexible and can often accommodate minor delays or last-minute changes.

What should be packed the night before moving?

- Toiletries and medications
- Chargers and electronic devices
- Documents, ID, lease papers
- Outfit for moving day

What should I leave out for moving day?

Leave out an essentials bag with snacks, documents, clothes, phone, and water. These items will help you stay comfortable and organised during the move.

How can I prepare my home the night before the move?

- Clear paths for movers
- Disassemble furniture if needed
- Label boxes by room and contents

Should I get a good night's sleep before moving?

Yes. Rest is crucial to manage the physical and mental stress of moving day. Go to bed early, stay hydrated, and wake up energised.

What should I do with valuables and important documents?

Keep them with you at all times. Pack items like passports, financial documents, and electronics in a personal bag that stays with you during the [move](#).

Final Thoughts

Success on moving day starts with preparation the night before. By following this checklist, you'll stay organised, avoid common pitfalls, and ensure your movers can get straight to work.

Preparation today leads to a smoother tomorrow — and fewer surprises during your move.

Need help getting everything ready for moving day?

? [Get a Free Instant Removals Quote](#) or book packing, disassembly, and removals services with our expert team.

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