Moving House Checklist

A homeowner's moving house checklist covering meter readings, mail redirects and handover.

6 Weeks Before

- [ ] Confirm your moving date and book a removal company
- [ ] Declutter and start a donate, sell and dispose pile
- [ ] Get quotes for any work needed before or after the move
- [ ] Start a folder for contracts, quotes and important documents

3 Weeks Before

- [ ] Notify utility providers (gas, electricity, water) of your move date
- [ ] Arrange broadband and phone at the new address
  Installation slots book up — schedule early
- [ ] Update your address with banks, insurers, employer and subscriptions
- [ ] Tell the council and update the electoral roll
- [ ] Set up a mail redirect with your postal service

1 Week Before

- [ ] Confirm timings and access with your removal company
- [ ] Pack an essentials box for the first night
- [ ] Run down the freezer and pantry
- [ ] Service or disconnect appliances you're taking
- [ ] Arrange care for children and pets on moving day

Moving Day

- [ ] Take final meter readings and photograph them
- [ ] Do a final walkthrough of every room, loft and shed
- [ ] Keep documents, valuables and chargers with you
- [ ] Leave keys, manuals and bin days for the new owners
- [ ] Lock up and confirm handover of keys

After You Move In

- [ ] Submit opening meter readings to your new suppliers
- [ ] Test smoke and carbon-monoxide alarms; locate the stopcock and fuse box
- [ ] Register with a local doctor, dentist and the council
- [ ] Check window and door locks; consider changing exterior locks
- [ ] Update your address on your driving license and vehicle documents