

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