

# YOUR MOVING HOUSE CHECKLIST

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**Moving house is an exciting experience, a new chapter in your life! However, it can come with its own set of challenges. Ensuring that you are well prepared on the big day can help reduce the stress and make it a more smooth experience.**

## **One month prior...**

- Ensure you have booked the time off work
- Confirm that your insurance policy covers your move
- Find a reputable removal company and ask for a quote
- Order the appropriate packing materials - your hired removal company may be able to assist you
- Start decluttering! Sell or donate your unwanted belongings
- Track your possessions by making a detailed inventory. This will help you keep organised during the move
- Research and familiarise yourself with your new area

## **Two weeks prior...**

- Inform your utility companies about your move
- Start packing your non essential items such as home decorations
- Complete the mail redirection form with the Post Office
- Ask a friend or family member to look after any children or pets on move day

## **One week prior...**

- Place important documents in a safe and memorable place such as passport, birth certificate, insurance documents etc.
- Notify your council that you are moving so that there are no issues with your council tax and parking permit
- Clear down all the food in your fridge and freezer - this will really help on move day
- Find out when you will need to collect the keys from your estate agent

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## The night before...

- Write down a list of your final items to pack
- Carry out a final check of the property
- Pack a new home starter kit box with essentials for the next day

## The big day...

- Start labelling your boxes with the contents they hold and which room they are going in
- Lay down some old sheets to help protect the flooring
- Take down and pack any curtains you are taking with you
- Record utility readings for water, electricity and gas
- If travelling in a pair, one of you should stay behind to ensure that the removal firm have removed all items
- Pass the keys for your old house to your estate agent
- When arriving at the new property, ensure that the previous owners haven't left anything
- Check that all keys work for the required locks
- Check for any damages that may have been caused by the movers
- If you can, leave the unpacking for tomorrow. Never rush on the day of the move. As long as you have your essential items you should be fine to relax and take in the experience

## Whilst your settling in...

- Get to know your new neighbours by introducing yourselves, invite them round for a coffee or lunch
- Take meter readings and contact your new utility companies
- Be sure to pay your stamp duty within the first 14 days of the sale taking place. Your solicitor will help with this. In some cases this isn't applicable
- And last but not least -  
ENJOY YOUR NEW HOME!

