



THE COMPLETE

Moving Home

CHECKLIST

MOVING

FURNITURES

APPLIANCES

ESSENTIALS

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8 Weeks Before the Move

- Create a Moving Binder:** Start a dedicated binder or digital folder to keep all moving-related documents and information in one place.
- Set a Budget:** Determine your moving budget, including costs for hiring movers, supplies, and any other related expenses.
- Select a Moving Date:** Choose a date for your move and consider factors like work, school, and weather conditions.
- Hire a Moving Company:** Research and hire a reputable moving company. Get quotes from multiple companies and check their reviews and credentials.
- Get Moving Insurance:** Consider purchasing moving insurance to protect your belongings during the move.

6 Weeks Before the Move

- Declutter and Donate:** Go through your belongings and decide what to keep, donate, or discard. Start decluttering room by room.



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Declutter Checklist

Bedroom

- Sort through clothing, shoes, and accessories. Donate or discard items you no longer wear or need.
- Go through the contents of your nightstand and dresser, disposing of or packing away items you won't need immediately.

Living Room

- Evaluate furniture and decor. Decide what to keep, sell, or donate.
- Organize and pack away books, DVDs, and electronics, and label the boxes accordingly.

Kitchen

- Check for duplicate or unused kitchen utensils, pots, and pans. Donate or discard as needed.
- Clear out your pantry and refrigerator, using up perishable items or donating unopened non-perishables.

Bathroom

- Dispose of expired or unused toiletries and cosmetics.
- Pack bathroom essentials separately for easy access on moving day.

Home Office

- Organize and pack away paperwork and documents. Shred or securely dispose of sensitive materials.
- Safely pack and label electronics and office equipment.

Children's Rooms

- Involve your children in the decluttering process, allowing them to decide which toys or items to keep, donate, or discard.
- Pack their belongings together, labeling boxes with their names and room.

Garage and Outdoor Spaces

- Sort through tools, equipment, and outdoor gear. Dispose of items you no longer use.
- Properly dispose of hazardous materials, such as old paint or chemicals.

Storage Areas

- Clean out closets, attics, basements, or storage sheds. Decide what to keep and what to discard.
- Label boxes from storage areas clearly to avoid confusion during unpacking.
- Inventory Your Belongings:** Create an inventory list of all your possessions to help with tracking and organizing.
- Notify Schools and Health Providers:** If you have children, inform their schools about the move. Notify your healthcare providers and arrange for medical records transfer.

4 Weeks Before the Move

- Notify Utility Companies:** Contact your current utility providers
 - Electricity
 - Gas
 - Water
 - Internet
 - Cable
 - Other _____
- Change Your Address:** Update your address with the post office, banks, credit card companies, and any subscriptions or memberships.
- Set up mail forwarding**
- Notify Government Agencies:** Update your address with HMRC, DVA, and voter registration if necessary.

- Packing Supplies:** Start gathering packing supplies such as boxes, packing tape, bubble wrap, and packing paper.

3 Weeks Before the Move

- Begin Packing:** Start packing non-essential items. Label boxes with their contents and destination rooms.
- Arrange Child and Pet Care:** Plan for childcare or pet care on moving day to minimize distractions.
- Plan for Special Items:** Make special arrangements for valuable, fragile, or sentimental items.

2 Weeks Before the Move

- Confirm Moving Details:** Reconfirm the moving date and details with your chosen moving company.
- Finish Packing:** Pack the majority of your belongings, leaving only essential items.
- Dispose of Hazardous Materials:** Safely dispose of any hazardous materials or items that cannot be moved.

1 Week Before the Move

- Pack an Essentials Box:** Pack a box with essentials for your first day and night at the new home (e.g., toiletries, clothes, chargers, important documents).

Moving Essentials Checklist

Kitchen Essentials

- Non-perishable snacks:** Pack some easy-to-eat snacks like granola bars, crackers, or nuts.
- Disposable utensils:** Include disposable plates, cups, and utensils for quick meals.
- Bottled water:** Have a few bottles of water on hand for hydration.
- Coffee or tea:** If you're a coffee or tea drinker, have instant coffee or tea bags and a kettle or coffee maker if needed.
- Basic cookware:** Include a small pot or pan, a cooking utensil, and a can opener.
- Dish soap and sponge:** To clean your dishes after use.
- Dish towels:** Have a few clean dish towels for drying dishes or cleaning up spills.

Personal Essentials

- Toiletries:** Pack a small bag with toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, and other personal hygiene items.
- Towels:** Include a few bath towels and hand towels for bathing.
- Toilet paper:** Ensure you have enough for immediate use.
- Clothing:** Pack a change of clothes for each family member.
- Bedding:** Include a set of sheets, pillows, and blankets for each bed you'll be using on the first night.
- Prescription medications:** If anyone in your household takes regular medications, have a supply for a few days.

Electronics and Entertainment

- Chargers:** Bring chargers for your smartphones, tablets, and other essential devices.
- Laptop or tablet:** If needed for work or entertainment.
- Books or magazines:** For relaxation during downtime.

Important Documents

- Identification:** Keep passports, driver's licenses, and any other crucial identification documents.
- Lease or closing documents:** If applicable, have copies of your rental or purchase agreements.
- Contact information:** A list of important phone numbers and contact details.

Tools and Basic Supplies

- Torch:** In case of power outages or navigating in the dark.
- Toolkit:** Include a basic toolkit with a screwdriver, pliers, and a utility knife.
- Batteries:** Have spare batteries for torches and other essential items.

Miscellaneous

- Pet essentials:** If you have pets, pack their food, bowls, and any necessary supplies.
- Childcare items:** If you have young children, include nappies, baby food, and other necessary items.
- House keys:** Keep a spare set of keys for your new home.
- Cleaning supplies:** A few cleaning supplies like disinfectant wipes or a multi-surface cleaner can be handy.

- Snacks and pet food:** If you have kids or pets, have some snacks and food on hand for them.
- Special items:** Any other items you consider essential for your family's comfort and immediate needs.
- Confirm Travel Arrangements:** If moving long-distance, confirm travel plans and accommodations.
- Empty and Defrost Appliances:** Empty, clean, and defrost the refrigerator and freezer.

Moving Day

- Final Walkthrough:** Do a final walkthrough of your old home to ensure nothing is left behind.
- Meet the Movers:** Be present when the movers arrive to oversee the process.
- Take Inventory:** Check off items as they are loaded onto the moving truck.
- Turn Off Utilities:** Ensure all utilities are turned off before leaving your old home.

After the Move

- Unload and Unpack:** Supervise the unloading and unpacking at your new home.
- Inspect for Damages:** Check for any damages to your belongings during the move and report them to the moving company.
- Update Your Address:** Update your address with the new post office, banks, and other necessary institutions.
- Set Up Utilities:** Arrange for utilities to be connected at your new home.
- Explore Your New Surroundings:** Get familiar with your new surroundings and locate essential services.
- Thank Your Helpers:** Show appreciation to friends, family, or professional movers who assisted with the move.

Cleaning Checklist

General Cleaning

- Dust and wipe down all surfaces:** This includes countertops, shelves, window sills, and skirting boards.
- Clean light fixtures:** Remove dust, cobwebs, and any insects. Replace burnt-out light bulbs.
- Clean switches and sockets:** Wipe down switch plates and outlets. Ensure they are free of fingerprints and stains.
- Clean ceiling fans:** Dust and wipe down the blades and fixtures.
- Wipe down doors and frames:** Clean and disinfect doorknobs, handles, and frames.
- Clean vents and grilles:** Remove dust and debris from heating/cooling vents and grilles.
- Clean windows:** Wash both the inside and outside of windows, including frames and sills.
- Clean mirrors:** Use a glass cleaner to clean mirrors throughout the property.
- Vacuum or sweep and mop all floors:** Pay special attention to corners and edges.

Kitchen

- Clean appliances:** Clean the refrigerator, oven, stove, microwave, and dishwasher inside and out. Remove any food residue and stains.
- Clean and disinfect countertops:** Remove any stains or residues.
- Clean sink and taps:** Remove limescale, stains, and polish the faucets.
- Clean cabinets and drawers:** Wipe down both the interior and exterior surfaces.
- Empty and clean the bins:** Wash and disinfect the bins inside and out.

Bathroom

- Clean and disinfect the toilet:** Pay attention to the bowl, seat, and the area around the base.
- Clean and disinfect the shower and bathtub:** Remove soap scum, mold, and mildew.
- Clean and disinfect the sink and taps:** Remove limescale, stains, and soap residue.
- Clean bathroom tiles:** Wipe down tiles on walls and floors, removing any mold or soap scum.
- Clean and polish mirrors:** Ensure they are streak-free.
- Clean cabinets and drawers:** Wipe down both the interior and exterior surfaces.

Bedrooms

- Dust and clean all surfaces:** Including dressers, nightstands, and shelves.
- Vacuum or clean under furniture:** Move furniture if possible and clean underneath.
- Clean cupboards:** Remove any remaining belongings and dust shelves and rods.

Living and Dining Rooms

- Clean and dust all surfaces:** Including tables, chairs, and entertainment centers.
- Vacuum or clean under furniture:** Move furniture if possible and clean underneath.
- Clean carpets or rugs:** Vacuum thoroughly and consider professional cleaning if necessary.

Outdoor Areas

- Sweep and clean entryways:** Remove leaves, debris, and cobwebs from the entrance.

- Mow the lawn:** If you have a lawn, mow it and trim any overgrown bushes or plants.
- Clean the patio or balcony:** Sweep, wash, and remove any outdoor furniture.

Final Touches

- Dispose of trash:** Empty all trash cans and take the trash to the designated area.
- Replace any damaged items:** Repair or replace any damaged fixtures or items, if required, to avoid deductions from your security deposit.
- Check for personal items:** Ensure you haven't left any personal belongings behind.
- Photograph the property:** Take photos of the cleaned property as evidence of its condition.
- Return keys:** Hand over all keys and access devices to the landlord or property manager.

