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Moving date _____

New address _____

Moving house checklist

Start about eight weeks before moving day and tick things off as you go.

8 weeks before

- [ ] Set the moving date and confirm it with your landlord, buyer or seller
- [ ] Get three quotes from removal companies, or book a van
- [ ] Start a folder for quotes, contracts and receipts
- [ ] Measure rooms and doorways in the new home for big furniture
- [ ] Sell, donate or recycle what you will not take with you
- [ ] Check your contents insurance covers the move

4 weeks before

- [ ] Book the removal company and confirm times and access
- [ ] Get boxes, tape, marker pens and labels
- [ ] Tell schools, your doctor, dentist and vet, and move your records
- [ ] Book time off work for moving day
- [ ] Arrange parking for the van, with a permit if needed
- [ ] Pack the rooms you use least: loft, garage, spare room
- [ ] Number every box and list what is inside

2 weeks before

- [ ] Set up Royal Mail redirection for your post
- [ ] Give your new address to your bank, employer, pension, insurers and subscriptions
- [ ] Arrange gas, electricity, water and broadband at both homes
- [ ] Tell the council (council tax), the electoral roll and DVLA
- [ ] Arrange childcare and pet care for moving day
- [ ] Run down the freezer and plan simple meals

Moving week

- [ ] Confirm times with the movers and everyone helping
- [ ] Defrost the freezer the day before
- [ ] Pack an “open first” box for each person
- [ ] Keep documents, keys, medicines, chargers and valuables with you
- [ ] Label each box with its room, number and priority (A, B or C)
- [ ] Photograph the back of the TV and computer before unplugging

Moving day

- [ ] Check every cupboard, the loft, the garden and the shed
- [ ] Take meter readings and photos, then lock up and hand over the keys
- [ ] Take meter readings at the new home and check all the keys work
- [ ] Show the movers which room is which
- [ ] Tick off each box number as it comes in
- [ ] Make the beds before you get tired

First week in the new home

- [ ] Test the smoke alarms and find the stopcock and fuse box
- [ ] Register with a doctor and dentist
- [ ] Unpack the A boxes first, then the B boxes
- [ ] Change the locks if you are not sure who has keys
- [ ] Update your address anywhere you missed
- [ ] Write down what is in the boxes going to the loft or storage

Notes