

Moving house checklist: what to do and when

Eight weeks before moving: ✓

Confirm your moving date, if possible

Get quotes for removals or van hire

Start decluttering room by room

Gather packing materials and boxes

Create a moving budget, including a buffer for unexpected costs

Four weeks before moving: ✓

Book your removals company or vehicle

Start packing non-essential items

Notify your utility providers, insurer, and broadband provider

Arrange mail redirection

Check arrangements with your solicitor or estate agent

Two weeks before moving: ✓

Continue packing, leaving only essentials for daily use

Label boxes clearly by room

Arrange childcare or pet care for moving day, if needed

Confirm timings with movers

Make a list of jobs for moving day

One week before moving: ✓

Pack an essentials box with key documents, chargers, toiletries, and basic kitchen items

Defrost the freezer, if needed

Confirm key collection and handover arrangements

Finish most of the packing

One day before moving: ✓

Keep important documents and valuables with you

Do a final walk-through before leaving

Check cupboards, loft space, sheds, and storage areas

Take meter readings

Make sure keys are handed over as agreed

Notes