

Two months to go...

- Choose your conveyancing solicitor
- Shop around and organise a removal firm
- Buy your boxes, packing and storage supplies
- Start sorting out your belongings; donate anything you don't need
- Shop around for storage space if needed until you've settled into your new home
- Give notice to your landlord (if you're renting)
- Confirm your moving date

One month to go...

- If you're moving a long way, service your car and check your tyres well before the trip
- Register with local doctors and dentists if you are moving to a new area
- Inform your local council of your change of address and cancel council tax payments
- Inform your phone and internet providers of your change of address
- Update the DVLA
- Update the electoral roll
- Update utility suppliers (E.g. Water, gas and electric)
- Update health services
- Update work and school contacts
- Notify any other recurring bills (E.g. Broadband, TV licensing, mobile phone)
- Notify your bank of your change of address
- Inform Inland Revenue
- Update your insurance providers
- Start putting items you don't use every day into boxes and label them
- Arrange for someone to look after the children and pets if possible

Two weeks to go...

- Let people know about your change of address – friends, online retailers, work and schools, newspapers and magazine subscriptions
- Clean your house as you pack
- Organise your mail to be re-directed for at least three months
- Prepare a brief for the new owner, including easy instructions on operating the boiler and alarm, locations of all meters, fuse boxes and stopcocks, which bins go out on what days and any other helpful information.

One week to go...

- Confirm with your solicitor and estate agent that the move is on track
- Notify TV Licensing of your new address
- Make sure your packing is coming to a close – double-check the loft and garage
- Ask your neighbours to allow room outside for the removal van

- Empty and defrost/dry out your fridge/freezer
- Clear out your kitchen cupboards
- Work out the moving route
- Remind friends and family you'll need a hand next week!
- Pack valuables and important documents in a safe place to take in the car with you
- Pack your essentials in a labelled box for your first night (l.e. bedding, kettle and mugs, temporary furniture - deck chairs etc.)
- Contact the current utility supplier of the new property to make sure you're on the best tariff for you or take a look on a price comparison website for a better deal

The day before...

- Charge your mobile and pack your charger in an accessible place
- Collect your hire van, or confirm tomorrow's schedule with your removal firm
- Move all your packed boxes into a downstairs room if needed
- Pack valuables and important documents in a safe place to take in the car with you
- Add final things to your essential box including tea, milk, coffee, sugar, cleaning products, plus vacuum cleaner and bin bags.

Things to do on moving day...

- Record all utility meter readings for water, electricity and gas (take a photo)
- Strip the beds and curtains (if not leaving behind) and pack them into clearly marked bags for washing
- Check the bathrooms for any leftover toiletries
- Instruct your movers on what is moving and what is not
- Have a final house check for belongings
- Leave all the sets of keys as arranged for the new owners
- Begin a deep clean of the new house
- Unpack room by room
- Check all the utilities are up and running
- Check you have all the keys you need
- Book a locksmith for a new set of locks and keys
- Hop on Just Eat, find a delicious treat and put your feet up – you've earned it.