

countdown to moving checklist

8 weeks before moving day

Make a detailed inventory of all possessions.

Start sorting into what you're taking with you and what you're going to get rid of.

Decide whether you want to pack your belongings yourself. If you choose to do this, make sure you allow plenty of time and use it as an excuse to declutter as you go.

Start researching moving and storage companies. Remember that most companies will be busy during the weekend, so if you can move during the week it will help bring the quote down. For a competitive quote [click here](#) and we'll connect you with our preferred supplier.

If you're planning to move yourself, make sure you book a van in advance.

"It's said that this process is one of the most stressful things you will do in your life. The list of things to do can seem endless! Hopefully, this should help things go a little smoother."

Phil

7 weeks before moving day

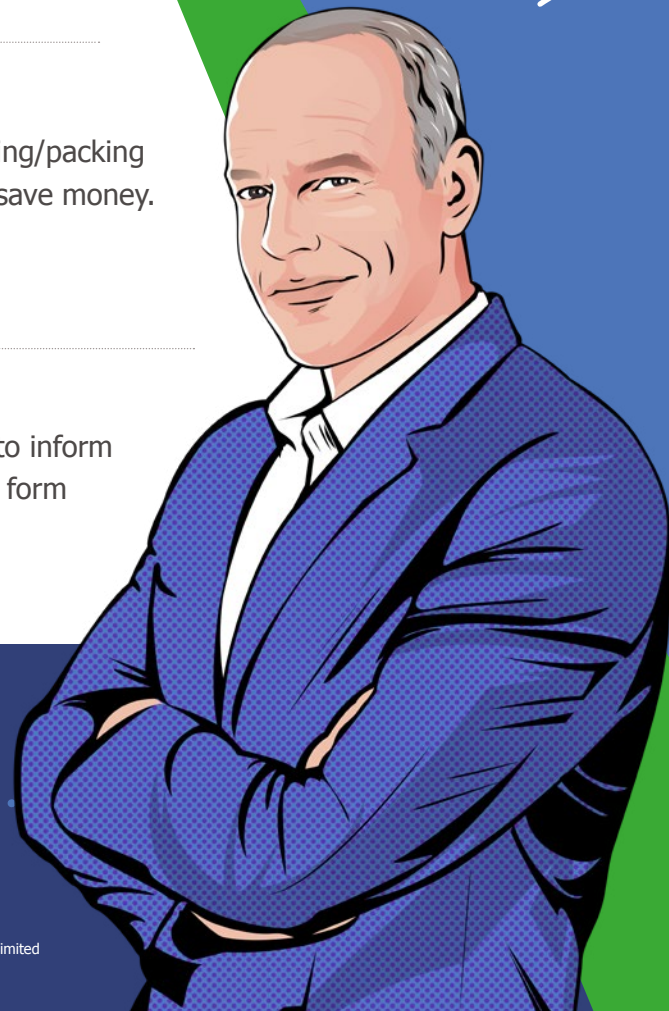
Now is the time to make sure you have all your moving/packing paraphernalia. Order in bulk and in advance to help save money.

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| Boxes | Laundry bags |
| Packing tape | Labels |

6 weeks before moving day

Start preparing a list of everyone that you will need to inform about your move, together with contact details, web form notifications, etc.

- Bank or building society



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Local council (both current and future)

Credit and store card providers

Telephone, internet and TV/satellite company

TV license

Mobile phone provider

Utility companies – gas, electricity, water

Other financial companies – pensions, ISA, premium bonds

Home and contents insurance provider

Car and pet insurance companies

GP practice and dentist

DVLA (so that you have your new address on your driving license)

Electoral register department of your local council

Your employer

Children's schools

Memberships

HMRC

5 weeks before moving day (or just prior to exchange)

Conditionally book your removal company just prior to exchange so that you are sure that you can meet the agreed completion date.

Confirm when you want to move, and what time you should expect them. If necessary, pay a deposit.

Book time off work once you have chosen your removals firm (or arranged the van and some help).

Double check your possessions are insured if they break.

Room by room declutter your space. Take unwanted possessions to charity shops and recycling centres.

4 weeks before moving day

Speak to your insurers to let them know your new address details and to check your possessions are covered during the move.

Start packing your non-essential items.



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3 weeks before moving day

Make arrangements for your pets and children if you don't want them to be around.

Organise your change of address cards/emails.

Start eating down your freezer and kitchen cupboards.

Arrange for your **mail to be redirected**.

2 weeks before moving day – pack like you've never packed before!

Plan what to do with your valuables. Take with you, or give them to a friend or relative for safe keeping.

Pack essential items separately – ease of access to what you need is important.

Suggested essentials:

Cleaning products (cloths, surface and floor cleaner, dustpan and brush, bin bags).

Kettle, tea, coffee, milk, sugar, mugs, spoons, snacks.

Soap, towel, shower gel, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste.

Clean bedding, clean comfortable clothes, pillows, duvet.

Champagne glasses and some fizz!

1 week before moving day

Confirm details with the removals company.

Reserve a parking space if you only have on-street parking.

Pack all essentials to see you through the first 24 hours and label clearly!

1 day before moving day

Clear away all rubbish and put your bins out.

Give your empty home a clean: kitchen appliances; insides of the fridge and oven; work surfaces; sinks, bath and shower trays; wipe down inside of cupboards and shelves; mop hard floors; vacuum carpets.

Moving day and beyond

Take (and photograph) both old and new meter readings – notify the utility companies.

Let the local authority (existing or new) know of your move.

Send your change of address notifications.

Say goodbye to your old home and enjoy your new one!

Allow yourself enough time so you don't feel frantic and pressured.

