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Key to your move

UK HOUSE MOVE CHECKLIST

PLAN • PACK • MOVE • SETTLE

New home. New chapter!

4–8 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING

- [ ] Start obtaining completion/moving date
- [ ] Declutter, donate, sell or dispose of unwanted belongings
- [ ] Arrange storage if required
- [ ] Arrange parking/access arrangements at both properties
- [ ] Arrange childcare/pet care for moving day if useful

Less clutter, a brighter new start!

2–4 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING

- [ ] Make a provisional booking with Removals Company
- [ ] If self packing start packing non essential items
- [ ] Label boxes with room + contents + fragile/priority
- [ ] Keep important documents together
- [ ] Notify electricity and gas suppliers
- [ ] Notify water supplier
- [ ] Arrange broadband/phone transfer or installation
- [ ] Update council tax
- [ ] Arrange Royal Mail redirection
- [ ] Update banks, credit card and insurers
- [ ] Update employer/pension providers
- [ ] Update DVA driving licence and vehicle details as applicable
- [ ] Update electoral registration
- [ ] Notify GP, dentist and other relevant services
- [ ] Update subscriptions and repair deliveries

Organise today for a smoother tomorrow.

FINAL WEEK

- [ ] Confirm arrival time and details with removals company
- [ ] If self packing finish most packing
- [ ] Finish and clean freezer if required
- [ ] Prepare an essentials box/bag
- [ ] Keep valuables, medication and documents with you rather than in the removals van

Nearly there!

ESSENTIALS TO KEEP WITH YOU

- [ ] Kettle, mugs, tea/coffee and snacks
- [ ] Medication
- [ ] Phone chargers
- [ ] Basic cleaning supplies
- [ ] Bin bags
- [ ] Basic tools
- [ ] Important documents
- [ ] Keys, wallets/cards, laptops and essentials

Keep the essentials close and moving day will be easier!

MOVING DAY – OLD PROPERTY

- [ ] Take final electricity/gas meter readings and photos
- [ ] Take water meter reading if applicable
- [ ] Check every cupboard and drawer
- [ ] Check loft
- [ ] Check garages/sheds
- [ ] Check garden/outbuildings
- [ ] Check dishwasher/washing machine
- [ ] Check fridge/freezer
- [ ] Check battery drains
- [ ] Gather all sets of keys
- [ ] Hand keys over as arranged, usually to your estate agent

A final check for peace of mind.

MOVING DAY – NEW PROPERTY

- [ ] Check/receive keys, normally from vendors estate agent
- [ ] Check property condition
- [ ] Photograph any unexpected damage/issues
- [ ] Take electricity/gas/water meter readings
- [ ] Check heating/hot water
- [ ] Check doors and windows lock properly
- [ ] Direct removals boxes to labelled rooms
- [ ] Assemble basic furniture
- [ ] Check nothing is left in the removals van

Same house, new adventures.

FIRST FEW DAYS AFTER MOVING

- [ ] Confirm utilities are correctly registered
- [ ] Set up council tax
- [ ] Tell friends and relatives new home address
- [ ] Update emergency address details
- [ ] Check Royal Mail redirection is working
- [ ] Register with local GP/dentist if changing
- [ ] Arrange your new bin collections
- [ ] Keep removal paperwork in case an insurance claim is needed

Settle in and make it home.