



# Moving House Checklist



## 6 Weeks Before

- Get at least 3 professional removal company estimates.
- Choose a service (dismantle and reassemble furniture, pack and unpack) - although it's early days this will give you a clear understanding of how much work you will have to do in order to prepare for your move.
- Order packaging from your chosen moving company (they will have a better idea of how much packaging is needed).
- Declutter - Now is the best time to have a good sort out.

## 2 Weeks Before

- Exchange contracts - if you're moving between purchase properties try to exchange contracts on the provisional moving date.
- Inform electricity, gas, phone and broadband suppliers that you're moving.
- Arrange mail redirection with the Post Office.
- Change address on your TV licence.
- Start to use up your freezer contents - **important side note** fridge/freezers can't be turned on until 48 hours after they've been transported.
- Start to pack non-essentials
- Create a map (use print off of the floor plan) of where your furniture is to go in the new house

## 1 Week Before

- Inform the banks and change Insurances over.
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- Send out change of address messages to friends and family.
- Make sure boxes being packed are labelled to which room they're going into.
- Change any pets microchip address.

## **One or Two days Before**

- Make sure Fridge is just about empty and start defrosting any freezers.
- Set keys out with labels as to what they open for the new owner.
- Prepare a box and or bag of moving day essentials include a suitcase of overnight clothes and clothes for the next day - it's handy to have to hand if you have somewhere to be the following day.
- Set all your essentials aside (find a cupboard so they don't end up on the moving truck).
- Make a packed lunch for moving day with water bottles.

## **Moving Day**

- Pack your bedding and ask that it be put on first so that it comes off last and isn't hard to find.
- Schedule time to go around cleaning empty rooms.
- Hand keys in to estate agent
- Give your map to the movers

## **After the move**

- Start unpacking the main bedroom of your essential clothes etc and then the kitchen of the main cooking utensils once this is done conquer one room at a time and stay in there until victorious.
- Arrange moving company to collect packaging.
- Update your address on the electoral roll.
- Consider changing the locks.
- Show friends and family around the new home!