

On The Move Checklist



Moving house can be a stressful experience but with careful planning this can be alleviated considerably. Use the checklist below as a guide.

3 weeks to go

- Advise your solicitor, local council, insurance company, accountant, hire purchase companies, stores where you have accounts, your church and clubs.
- Start packing and labelling boxes with contents and intended location in your new home. You are far better off dealing with a group of well-named boxes in each room than over very large pile in the lounge!
- Check with the local moving companies for quotes. You may be pleasantly surprised at how little it might cost for professional movers to do 'the heavy work', while you can still pack. Alternatively you can ask a company to do the full job.

2 week to go

- If moving a reasonable distance, have your car serviced, arrange for pet transportation and re-registration through you new council if necessary and advise your bank(s).

7 days to go

- Work with your local postal service regarding the redirection of your mail and arrange Electoral Roll transfer

6 days to go

- Advise motor registry (your motor vehicle registration, etc), organise final accounts for gas, water and electricity, ensure continuity of these services at your new address. Contact your telecommunications adviser regarding disconnection of your phone and final billing, as well as any internet connections and confirm your new number and date of connection.

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2 days to go

- Empty rubbish bins.
- Do final clear out of garage and unwanted furniture.
- Get rid of inflammables. Drain fuel from lawn mowers, etc
- Take down curtains, venetians and other blinds, unless the are to remain. (Make sure you fully understand what chattels are to stay and go based on your sales contract.)
- Prepare any items requiring dismantling which are being moved, for example, trampolines, garden furniture, etc.

1 day to go

- Tighten the lids on all jars containing liquids.
- Dismantle TV aerial, if taking it.
- Defrost fridge and freezer and remove food. Wash out interior, unplug and leave door slightly ajar (a tea towel will do it) so fresh air continues to circulate through.

The big day

- Consider carrying with you the essential things you will need when you first arrive. Everything from a change of clothes to enough bedding and your toothbrush.
- Carry all valuables and important papers with you. If necessary, leave a small box with these items with a friend until you have a new place to put them.
- Check gas, electric switches and lights.
- Lock doors and windows and return house keys.

A few don'ts

- Don't put breakables or liquids in drawers and don't overload drawers with too much linen or clothing.
- Don't load the really big boxes with heavy items like books. Leave the big boxes for items like linen and clothes.
- Don't store jewellery, money, legal documents or articles of extreme value.
- Don't leave travel tickets or passports where they might be packed. Don't anticipate cooking a meal that night! Everyone will be hungry and tired from the move and your new kitchen may not be ready to cook in. Either organise something quick and easy beforehand that will not require heating or cooking, or else enjoy a take-out.

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