

Moving home checklist

Moving home can be stressful. Especially, if like most people, you've got lots of possessions and no idea where to start. Don't worry, you're not alone!

Reducing the stress of a move is all about preparation. To help you stay on top of things and to ensure a hassle-free start to your new home, we've put together a short guide for keeping moving day pain free.



2 months before

- Start collecting things you'll need for packing e.g. boxes, bags, labels, tape and marker pens
- Start sorting through your belongings, declutter and organise removal of rubbish
- Familiarise yourself with schools, doctors surgeries and amenities in your new area
- If you're renting, give formal notice to your landlord. This can be up to 2 months' notice, so check your tenancy agreement



5 to 6 weeks before

- Get quotes from removal companies
- Research home insurance. Visit www.stonewater.org/supporting-you/money-matters for more information
- Start packing non-essential items



3-4 weeks before

- Check which broadband providers cover the area
- Contact your utility suppliers to notify them of your move and arrange to transfer or close your account



1-2 weeks before

- Update your address details with current providers (phone, bank, insurance etc)
- Clean your old home, touch up decor and repair anything that is broken
- Finish packing, leaving out any essentials. Label everything and mark any fragile items
- Pack a 'go to' bag with essential items e.g. medication, important documents, phone numbers etc
- Arrange to have your post redirected
- Run down food supplies, especially in the freezer
- Organise enough help ready for moving day, including childcare if necessary



Moving day

- Take meter readings at both your previous and new home
- Check all switches and utilities are turned off in your old home
- Make sure your old property is clean and ready for the keys to be handed back
- Keep essentials to hand e.g. kettle, tea/coffee, cups, toilet roll etc
- Make sure you know where everything is in your new home e.g. stopcock, instructions for appliances, gas and electricity meters, thermostat, fuse box etc



After moving in

- Find out which day your bins are collected
- Let your utility providers know that you have moved in
- Update the electoral register
- Register with a local doctor and dentist
- Update your address details e.g. benefits, council tax, TV licence, driving licence, online retailers etc
- Contact your friends and family to let them know your new address
- Enjoy your new home!**