

Mac & Mic's Top moving tips

Mac & Mic's Top moving tips – 6 weeks to go!

Once you have your completion/moving-in date confirmed:

1. Ask friends/family/colleagues if they can recommend a removal company. It's a good idea instruct a company that is a member of an industry body like the British Association of Removers (BAR) and that they have insurance to cover any damage to your property in transit. Shop around for the best deal amongst the most reputable companies.
2. Inform your family, friends, employer, utility companies, council tax, TV Licensing, bank, credit card company, DVLA, etc that you are moving home and supply them with your new address and telephone number if this is changing.
3. Call your cable / satellite / telephone / broadband suppliers to set up an appointment to have services transferred to your new home
4. If it is a new area you are moving to find out about local doctors and dentists surgeries and make arrangements to register.
5. Ensure that your home insurance is in place for the day you move into your new home
6. Moving home is a good time for a good old clear out. Most of us are hoarders so there's no better time to get rid of clutter than this. Go through your belongings before you begin packing.

Mac & Mic's Top moving tips - 2 weeks to go!

1. Moving house is a big task and being ready for the big day can take longer than you might expect - avoid frustration and be sure to give yourself ample time to pack. If you feel that you will need longer than two weeks then start a bit earlier by all means, these dates are just to be used as a guide.
2. Make sure that you have more than enough boxes, tape and bubble wrap than you think you will need. You don't want to run out at the last minute. Try sourcing boxes for packing from you office/workplace, friends/family, your removal company or local shops. Banana boxes are always good, really light yet sturdy.
3. There is nothing worse than having a room full of packed boxes and not knowing where anything is. Sticky labels and a thick marker pen will come in use. Write a number/letter on each box and make a note of the inventory of each box as you pack.
4. Before you start packing remind yourself not to get overzealous. Identify the realistic items that you will need right up to the day you move and be sure everyone knows not to pack them away. This is your last out, first in box. You will also need to keep out clean bedding, towels, shower gel, shampoo etc for the new house in your last out first in box (incl. mugs, spoons, kettle, coffee/tea, loo roll, etc).
5. Begin to pack your non-essential items. Start with your book/CD/DVD/photo album collections. Remember to use smallish boxes or they will be so heavy you'll never get them off the floor. These items pack very easily so you'll feel an instant sense of

achievement when you start to see the boxes stack up. When it comes to packing your kitchen up try to have considered what you will need in the way of plates/cutlery/pots etc till you move and pack up everything else that is not needed.

6. Think about what you will do with children and pets on moving day.

Mac & Mic's Top moving tips – one day to go!

1. Once you have everything packed colour code the labeled boxes so that the delivery guys put them in the correct room in your new home.
2. Review the plan for the next day and make sure everyone knows what they are doing.
3. Have a note of the local take-always in your area, cooking will mostly likely not be an option of the first evening or two.
4. Empty your fridge and defrost the freezer.

Mac & Mic's Top moving tips – its moving day

1. Moving day can be a real work out, even with the help of a removal company. So keep hydrated by drinking lots of water or other non-diuretic liquids.
2. Once you have the keys to your new home mark up the doors in the corresponding colour codes so the boxes will be put in correct rooms. It's best to try and get this done earlier if you have the keys.
3. Take the final meter readings for gas and electricity.
4. Give your old home, garden, garage etc a final once over to make sure you have not forgotten anything like your garden furniture or the shed
5. Pack the contents of your last in first out box and take to new home.
6. Try to arrange for the beds and mattresses to be delivery 1st so making up the beds can be a priority.
7. Resist the temptation to unpack boxes after 9pm. Frequently people who have just moved home suffer from the cold or flu because they do too much. You'll be your home a long time so you've got more than enough time to unpack.