

# Our **top tips** for moving home

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Moving to a new home is an exciting, but sometimes stressful, experience! When you buy a new home from us, your Sales Consultant will be your dedicated point of contact to guide and help you throughout the purchasing process, but there's still the matter of your moving day, as well as packing and transporting all your belongings before settling in your new home.

Below are our top tips for organizing and planning your move, to make it as smooth and stress free as possible....



- Ask friends/family/colleagues if they can recommend a removal company. It's a good idea to approach a company who is a member of an industry body, such as the British Association of Removers (BAR). Check that they have the appropriate insurance in place to cover any damage to your property during transit. Shop around for the best deal amongst the most reputable companies.
- Inform your family, friends, employer, utility companies, council tax, TV Licensing, bank, credit card company, DVLA, and any other party who may need to know of your change of address, that you are moving home, and supply them with your new address and telephone number if this is changing.
- Call your cable / satellite / telephone / broadband suppliers to set up an appointment to have services transferred to your new home.
- If you are moving to a new area, find out about local doctors and dentists surgeries and make arrangements to register.
- Ensure that your home insurance is in place for the day you move into your new home.
- Moving home is the perfect time for a good old clear out. Most of us are hoarders so there's no better time to get rid of clutter.



- Moving house is a big task and getting 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 timings are just to be used as a guide.
- 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 your office/workplace, friends/family, your removal company or local shops. Banana boxes are always good - really light yet sturdy.
- 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 handy. Write a number/letter on each box and make a note of the inventory of each box as you pack. It may also be useful to write on each box the name of the room in your new home that its contents will go into.
- 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

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everyone knows not to pack them away. This is your “last in, first out” box. You will also need to keep out clean bedding, towels, shower gel, shampoo and other daily essentials for your “last in, first out” box (incl. mugs, spoons, kettle, coffee/tea, loo roll, etc).

- Begin to pack your non-essential items. Start with your book/CD/DVD/photo album collections. Remember to use smallish boxes for these, so they will be more manageable in weight. 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 up your kitchen, consider what you will need (for instance plates/cutlery/pots) till you move, and pack up everything else that is not needed.
- Think whether relatives/friends can help look after your children and pets during your moving day.



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- Once you have everything packed, colour-code the labeled boxes so that the delivery company can put them in the correct rooms in your new home. Alternatively, clearly write the name of the room on each box.
  - Review the plan for the next day and make sure everyone knows what they are doing.
  - Make a note of the local take-aways in your area, as cooking will mostly likely not be an option for the first evening or two.
  - Empty your fridge and defrost the freezer.



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- Moving day can be a real workout, even with the help of a removal company. So keep hydrated by drinking lots of water or other non-diuretic liquids. Make sure you have a few snacks on hand too!
  - If you receive the keys and gain access to your new home a day or two earlier than your moving day, label the internal doors with a colour code which matches your boxes, so they will be put in correct rooms. Otherwise this can be done quickly as soon as you gain access on moving day.
  - Take the final meter readings for gas and electricity in your old home.
  - Give your old home, garden, loft and garage a final once-over to make sure you have not forgotten anything.
  - Pack the contents of your “last in, first out” box and take to your new home.
  - Try to arrange for your beds and mattresses to be delivered first, so making up the beds can be a priority.
  - Don't try to do too much in one day! Resist the temptation to unpack boxes after 9pm..... you'll be in your new home a long time so you've got more than enough time to unpack.

Remember, once you're settled in, your Sales Consultant will still be on hand to assist you, both with local information while you're finding your feet and with any remedial items in your home up to two years after you move in.

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