

Moving Checklist

Two months to go...

- Talk to Safestore about van hire and organise a removal firm
- Buy your boxes, packing and storage supplies – compare prices at The Box Store
https://www.safestore.co.uk/merchandise/all_online_products.aspx
- Start sorting out your belongings. Get rid/donate things you don't need
- Begin packing unessential items
- Do you need kennels or a cattery for the move? Book it in advance
- Think about putting items of excess furniture into storage until you've settled into your new home

One month to go...

- If you're moving a long way, get your car serviced and tyres checked well before the trip
- Register with local doctors and dentists if you are moving to a new area
- Inform your local council of your change of address and cancel council tax payments
- Inform your phone and internet providers of your change of address
- Update the DVLA
- Notify your bank of your change of address
- Inform Inland Revenue
- Update your insurance providers, ensure you have home insurance sorted for the day you move in
- Confirm your moving arrangements with moving firms
- Start putting items you don't use every day into boxes and label them
- Arrange for someone to look after the children and pets if possible

Could some of those items go into longer term storage to free up more room in your new home? Talk to us!

Two weeks to go...

- Let people know about your change of address – friends, online shops, mail order, milk, newspapers and magazine subscriptions
- Clean your house as you pack
- Organise your mail to be re-directed for at least three months

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- Confirm with solicitor and estate agents that the move is going to plan
- Notify TV Licensing of your new address
- Make sure your packing is coming to a close – double-check the loft and garage
- Ask your neighbours to make sure there is room outside your home for the removal van
- Empty and defrost/dry out your fridge/freezer
- Clear out your kitchen cupboards
- Work out the moving route
- Remind friends and family you'll need a hand next week!
- Pack valuables and important documents in a safe place to take in the car with you

The day before...

- Charge your mobile
- Put everything practical you'll need to one side in a clearly marked box: tape measure, extension lead, step ladder etc.
- Get a box of first night essentials together, our First Night Essentials Checklist lists everything you could possibly need!
- Collect your hire van, or confirm tomorrow's schedule with your removal firm
- Move all your packed boxes into a downstairs room if needed
- Pack valuables and important documents in a safe place to take in the car with you

Things to do on moving day...

- Record all utility meter readings for water, electricity and gas. Take a photo of the meters and let your providers know you are moving
- Strip the beds and curtains and pack into clearly marked bags
- Check the bathrooms for toiletries

Loading the van...

- Instruct your movers on what is moving and what is not
- Check everywhere and do a final house clean
- Leave all the sets of keys as arranged for the new owners

