# Moving checklist

We understand moving home can be a stressful and trying time. That’s why we’ve put together a comprehensive moving checklist, designed to help you cope with the entire moving process from the second you decide to move until the moment you’re settled in your new property.

## Two months before you move

- Get hold of a local paper or check the local area’s websites to familiarise yourself with local government, community, social news and activities.
- Clean out cupboards.
- If relocating due to a job move, check what costs your employer will cover.

## Six weeks before you move

- Draw up a list of all your main possessions.
- Decide which possessions you are taking to your new home, and where you will put the larger items.
- Check whether your insurance policy will cover your move.
- Research local schools.
- Arrange to transfer your children’s school records.

## Two weeks before you move

- Check you have adequate prescription medicines to cover the moving period.
- Safely dispose of all flammables e.g. Paints, Gas Bottles, Cleaning Fluids etc.
- If your removal company is not making arrangements for you, book people to carry out services. e.g. Removing light fittings, House Cleaning
- Cancel local deliveries and service, for example newspapers, gardener, cleaner, milk delivery, fuel or oil.
The day before you move

☐ Walk through your house one last time to make sure everything is accounted for.

☐ Strip beds.

☐ Keep linens in a box that travels with you, so you can use them the first night.

☐ Make sure you have the keys to your new home, or have arranged to collect them.

The day of the move

☐ Record all utility meter readings (gas, electricity, and water)

☐ Stay until your movers have finished.

☐ Check the traffic for your journey with keepmoving.com

☐ Take one final look around to see if you forgot anything.

☐ Before leaving check that all windows are secure and water, gas and electricity supplies are switched off.

☐ You may be asked to sign a packing inventory/list: check carefully to ensure that you are happy with the content.

☐ Give movers the directions to your new home, and an emergency number where you can be reached during the move.

Once you have in your new home

☐ Make sure you are present when the removal crew arrives so you can guide them around the house confirming what is to be moved and any special instructions.

☐ Check the unloading of your items and account for each one on your packing inventory. Check carefully for any damaged or missing items.

☐ Place moving and other important documents in a safe place.

☐ Go to the post office and collect held mail.
After you have moved in

☐ Start cleaning and make the beds.

☐ Plug in your telephones, answering machine and large appliances.

☐ Unpack your 'survival kit'.

☐ Let older children organise their own rooms.

☐ Settle younger children in one room with some toys and treats.

☐ If possible, keep pets away until you are settled in.