

Moving House Checklist

FOUR WEEKS TO GO

- Scout out the local services in your new neighbourhood, tell your doctor and other medical specialists of your new address
- Sort out where you might sell your furniture. Organise a garage sale for any unwanted items or contact your local charity to donate items.
- Enquire about any changes to your insurance policies, including house and contents and vehicle. Arrange quotes and cover notes for your new home.

THREE WEEKS TO GO

- If moving further away, remember to get a copy of your family's medical records and those of any pets. Notify your work, including payroll, of your new address.
- If you have children, advise their school and have records transferred.
- A high priority for your moving checklist should be buying moving boxes. Find cheap cardboard boxes by scouting around moving companies.
- Start packing things unlikely to be used before moving

TWO WEEKS TO GO

- Arrange the redirection of mail newspaper and magazine subscriptions and home deliveries.
- Book domestic cleaners for a final house cleaning. Remember to keep your electricity and gas connected until after your house has been cleaned.
- Finalise home and contents insurance to cover your new home from day one.
- Confirm the moving company booking to ensure everything is set.

ONE WEEK TO GO

- Contact us at least four days before moving to get your electricity and gas to be connected at your new address.
- Create a change of address checklist, including such essentials as updating your driving licence. Check what you can change online, and what needs to be done in person
- Check the weather forecast for the day of the move. Ensure completing any repairs around the house is on the moving house checklist
- Clean the oven. Collect instruction books for the stove, dishwasher, and air conditioner for the new owner or tenant.

THE DAY BEFORE

- Pack a 'first-day bag' including all your usual bathroom needs to tie you over until you start unpacking.
- If hiring a trailer to move things yourself, pump up your car tyres.
- Collect all keys for the household including the garage, gates and any padlocks.

MOVING DAY

- Allocate tasks to different people in the family and helpers. Leave a note at your previous residence with your forwarding address.
- Turn the hot water system off at the old address. Switch on the hot water system at your new address.
- Lock all doors and windows on your way out. At your new home, test all keys and change any locks if required.
- take a final walk around your old house to ensure you haven't left anything behind. Pack valuables like jewellery and important documents in a bag to take with you.