

Moving Day Essentials: What to Keep With You

On moving day, not everything should be packed away. Some items need to stay accessible so you can deal with the day properly and settle in without turning every box into a treasure hunt.

Important documents

Keep contracts, ID, keys, tenancy paperwork, mortgage documents, moving confirmations, and contact details with you. These should not be packed into the van where they may be difficult to find when you need them most.

Everyday basics

Phone chargers, wallets, medication, snacks, bottled water, toiletries, and a change of clothes are all worth keeping close. If children or pets are involved, make sure their essentials are easy to access too.

Cleaning and basic setup items

A small kit with toilet roll, hand soap, bin bags, paper towels, basic cleaning products, a kettle, tea or coffee, mugs, and simple tools can make the first few hours much easier. You do not need a full unpacked kitchen, just enough to function.

Practical extras

Scissors, tape, a screwdriver, Allen keys, extension leads, and a torch can all be surprisingly useful. If beds or furniture need assembling quickly, having tools to hand saves a lot of frustration.

Why this matters

The first few hours in a new home are rarely polished. You may be tired, short on time, surrounded by boxes, and trying to solve ten things at once. Keeping the right items with you reduces stress and gives you a working base while everything else is still being sorted.

Keep it simple

A separate essentials bag or box is one of the easiest wins in any move. It will not make the whole day effortless, but it can stop the important bits from becoming a circus.

