

STRESS-BUSTING MOVING CHECKLIST



Moving home needn't be stressful - you just need to stay organised!
Pin this handy checklist to your fridge and tick off the steps to a happy move.

Our moving day is _____

AS SOON AS YOU CONFIRM YOUR MOVE DATE

Book your move

Call a Master Remover and speak to a Surveyor about how your move might go. Get a quote and a survey early.

Reserve parking

Ensure your moving day parking spaces are reserved according to local regulation (your Surveyor can help).

Start decluttering!

Get rid of as many unwanted items as possible.

3 WEEKS BEFORE YOU MOVE

Make a list

Note everything that needs to move, starting with large items like appliances, pianos and garden furniture. Speak to your Surveyor if you think you might need special removals insurance for valuables or antiques.

Inform school

Tell your children's new school that you'll be arriving soon.

Start packing!

Start with things you won't need for a few weeks. Mark the box (or even better, the tape, so you can reuse the box) with the contents and the room they'll be going in. If different things are going to different places (storage, multiple properties) use colour-coded stickers.

Order materials

Including boxes, packing and masking tape, packing paper and marker pens from Master Removers.

Eat up

Start using up perishable food.

Collate docs

Arrange to collect any important records you don't have (birth certificate, doctor, dentist, legal providers, opticians, schools, vets etc). Pack all your vital documents (including passports, mortgage records, marriage certificate, vehicle records and tax records) in one place.

Wiring memo

Take photos of the wiring of electrical goods - so you know how to reconnect after moving.

Change-of-address

Get a Change-of-Address Kit from the Post Office. Make sure you complete the spaces for friends and family, banks and credit card companies, insurance, medical providers and subscriptions.

2 WEEKS BEFORE YOU MOVE

Utilities

Make arrangements to disconnect your utilities/services (Electric, Gas, Water, Internet, Telephone, Cable/Satellite TV, Council tax)... and book them to be connected at your new home.

Kids first

Arrange for a babysitter on moving day. For older children perhaps organise a play date with a good friend?

Pets

Make travel arrangements for pets - you can buy a travel cage online. Although it doesn't sound very cosy your pet will settle in if you add their favourite rug or blanket. A non-spillable travel water bowl is an essential.

Insurance

Speak to your insurance company about moving coverage to your new home.

Deep clean

Book a cleaning company if you're not going to do it yourself.

Confirm the move

Speak to your Master Remover to re-confirm the date and moving arrangements.

1 WEEK TO GO

Packing list

Make a list of the vital things that will be going in the car with you: Essential documents and records, Sponge bag and clothes for the first day, Toilet paper, Tea and coffee, Entertainment for children, Special valuables, Plants, Vacuum cleaner, First aid kit, Food and water.

Service your car

Check water, tires and oil to avoid any last minute mechanical issues.

MOVING DAY!

Bedding

Strip beds and put bedding in bags for reuse or washing.

Keys

Gather all keys together and put them somewhere safe.

On arrival

Show the Master Removers round the new house and tell them which room is which, so they can put the boxes in the right rooms.

Inventory

Show the Master Removers around and help them make an inventory of items. Double check that the van driver has the correct address and phone number.

Final check

Have a final check around, including cupboards, loft and garage.

Lock up

Lock up all windows and doors.

Open the champagne!

You deserve it...