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WEEKS BEFORE MOVING



Buy or make a calendar to manage your time.



Get quotes from home removal companies. Make reservations.



Draft out your moving budget. Make sure you have enough money for the whole moving process. It all adds up!



Get rid of any excess clutter by donating it to a charity near to you.



Try using the BAR home removal directory to find the right removal company to fit your location and budget!



Keep track of everything! Buy a folder to keep all of your moving house documents and receipts in a safe place.

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Search Retail Charity Association for charity shops near you.



Measure the space in your new home. You don't want to discover on moving day that your dining table doesn't fit in the dining room.



Get hold of enough cardboard boxes to store all your stuff. It might sound a lot but we recommend at least 50.



Buy / borrow all the essential tools ready for dismantling and packing.



Get boxes for free. Go to your local supermarket and ask for spare boxes.

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Make sure you have some strong wooden crates for the more fragile or heavy items.



Obtain all the necessary packing supplies—bubble wrap, packaging tape (duck tape), cellotape, permanent markers.



Book time off from any obligations, like work and university, to free up moving day.



If you're using a home removals company, try to move on a weekday to keep costs down!

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Notify all personal services and utility companies to inform them of your move. (Print off the who-to-notify checklist below!)



Register for any new TV, phone and internet installation or notify your provider that you're moving.



Start packing less essential items / items you don't actually use for anything. We recommend starting with home décor: photo frames and wall hangings etc.

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If you think you may be eligible you can apply for a disabled facilities grant from GOV.UK to adapt your new home to suit your needs.



Send out "new address" cards to all friends and family.



Make the new place spic-span. If the old tenants have already gone, go round and clean your new home while it's empty.

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Double-check everyone is ready for moving day. Call up the removal company to double check or message your friends to remind them.



Start ordering your packing in terms of size and importance or, alternatively, start going room by room with regards to importance.



Start eating the food stored in your freezer. It's an easy one to forget but make sure you don't waste anything.



Moving on a Friday is great as it allows for the rest of the weekend to unpack. It's also the most popular moving day in the UK!



Collect all records and important documents and store them in a labelled box.



Cancel all deliveries to the home you're moving out of, along with any cleaners or other professionals.

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Label and colour co-ordinate all boxes for each room of the house.



Pack your "move-in emergency" box, containing everything you need for your first couple of nights.



Take your pet round to the kennels or to a friend's house, just so they don't get in the way whilst packing and moving.

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Get all of the final laundry done. Who wants to move house with their smelly socks?



Don't forget to defrost the freezer when all of the contents have gone!



Arrange the final readings of your water, gas and electricity meters and keep the copies safe for future reference.

MOVING

DAY!



Make sure you have enough energy to last the day by knocking up a whopping breakfast.



If you're worried, video all of your boxes and belongings going into the truck, to keep a safe record of what you've just handed over.



Give yourself plenty of time by arriving at the new place 10 minutes before the removal company, or have some friends waiting if you're helping load the truck.



You're not done there. When you've unpacked make sure you look after the environment and recycle your boxes!



Relax and enjoy your new home!