



ULTIMATE GUIDE TO MOVING HOME



Moving to a new house can be a stressful time, especially if you're not prepared. To help ease the stress, we've put together a list of things to help you get merrily moving.





WHEN YOU MAKE THE DECISION THAT IT'S TIME TO MOVE...

Get in touch with...

Solicitor

Estate agent

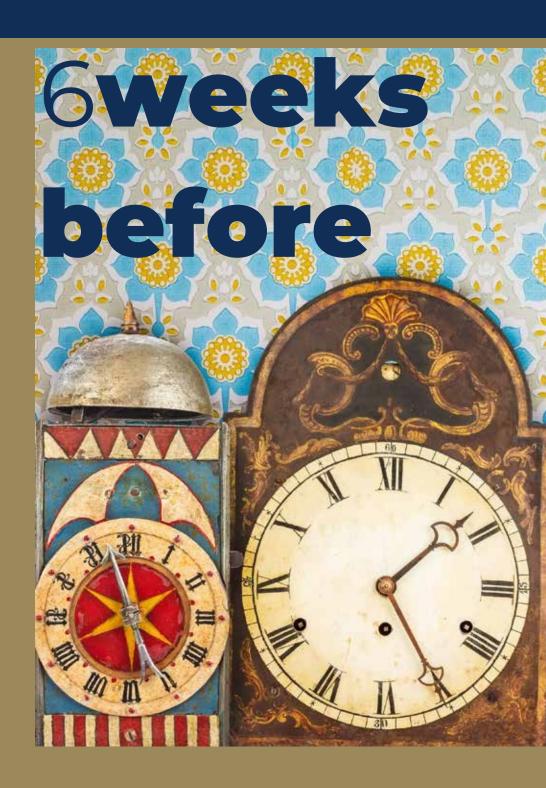
Mortgage adviser/general insurance

Quercus Mortgages

Notify your landlord if currently renting

CHECK OUT ONLINE REVIEWS AS BAD SERVICE CAN CAUSE A STRESSFUL MOVE!

KEEP IMPORTANT NUMBERS HANDY





Check with the removal company what they do and don't need you to pack. You might not need to empty every draw/cabinet/wardrobe etc. Sometimes they'll just film wrap them and take them whole.

REMOVALS

Are you hiring a removal company? Get some quotes before choosing. Check what they offer for their price e.g. packing service, dismantling furniture, etc. Some will even build furniture and fit light fittings, which is very handy if you're not very handy

Price:

Other details:

Name of company:

Price:

Other details:

Name of company:

Other details:





Home insurance is important before, during and after the move.

Your current property should already have buildings and contents in place, but it's important that your buildings insurance covers you right up until you move out.

To exchange on your new home you'll need to have at least buildings insurance in place. But it's advisable to also arrange your contents cover ahead of moving in.







HOW MUCH ARE ALL YOUR things worth? The total value of your contents might be higher than you expect

BEDROOMS

Furniture	
TVs	
Shoes and clothes	
Jewellery and watches	
Carpets and curtains	
Soft furnishings	
Pictures and art	
Mirrors and ornaments	
Accessories	
Other	
TOTAL	

LIVING ROOM

TOTAL €

KITCHEN

Fridge freezer	£
Furniture	
Oven	
Washing machine	
Tumble dryer	
Microwave	
Kettle and toaster	
Coffee machine	
Blender	
Pots, pans and utensils	
Pictures, mirrors and	
ornaments	
Other	

DINING POOM

Furniture	
Carpets and curtains	
Soft furnishings	
Pictures and art	
Mirrors and ornaments	
Other	
TOTAL	f

THE REST OF THE HOUSE

Cabinets and shelves £ Soft furnishings £ Phones £ TableTs £ MP3 players £ Handheld games **TOTAL** £

OUTDOOPS

Patio			
Gard	ening	equipment	
Tools			
BBQ			
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GRAND TOTAL



PACKING & STORAGE

Start collecting boxes from your local supermarket or you can purchase proper packing boxes online.

When packing, label the room on the box so your removal company knows where to put it when they get to the new house. If you're getting a house with multiple bedrooms or lounge rooms, stick signs up on the doors to let the removal company know which room is which.

List the main things in the box, especially anything you think you might need in the first few days. And, if you need it, book storage.

NOTIFYING CHANGE OF ADDRESS

You'll need to contact the relevant utility companies of your move. Have a shop around to see if you can switch and save on gas, electricity, broadband, TV licence & other subscriptions.

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Contact Royal Mail to get your mail redirected in case there's anything you miss. More than missing, it could pose an identity theft threat.



NOTES

- If you need to, arrange for someone to have the kids/pets.
- Get some pet calming treatments to stop them stressing during all the upheaval.
- Start running down freezer foods: plan meals around what you want used up (good to save a bit of cash ahead of the move too).



week before



ALMOST THERE

- Confirm arrival time and final arrangements with your removal company including directions or postcode of your new property and any access issues.

 Be a nice neighbour and speak to your current neighbours about any disruption during the upcoming move.
- Butter up your new neighbours; introduce yourselves ahead of move in day.
- Arrange for the professional disconnection of gas cookers, washing machines or any other appliances you're taking with you.
- Start dismantling any flat pack furniture/check if this is something your removal company will do (if using).
- Contact locksmiths and
 arrange them to fit new
 locks to your property (not
 a must but something to
- Check the legalities of what can and can't be left in your
 - For example, if you take light fittings you can't leave exposed wires etc.

consider for extra security).



- Do last minute laundry.
- Any spare keys should be clearly labelled and left where they will be seen on moving day.
- Make up a box of refreshments and essential items for your first few days such as toilet roll, light bulbs, tea making equipment, takeaway menu, scissors, toiletries, pen and paper, torch, first aid kit, a few pieces of basic cutiery, crockery, corkscrew and of course a bottle of champagne!













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- Defrost and dry out your fridge f reezer.
- Pack valuables and documents and put them in a safe place. Don't pack these in a box but place in car with you for easy access.
- Confirm with your estate agents or landlord when you'll be getting the keys to your new property.













- All packing should be done apart from essentials items in the kitchen and bathroom. Don't forget to leave out the kettle and tea making items as well as bedding to sleep on for the first night.
- Start some of the cleaning ahead of tomorrow.
- Charge your mobile phone, as you'll need it tomorrow.
- Do a final check
 of cupboards, the
 loft, sheds etc. so
 that nothing is left
 behind.
- If doing so, drop
 pets off with
 someone who
 you've arranged to
 look after them.

Enjoy your last night, by reminiscing about the good times.



MOVING





TODAY's the day!

- Welcome your removal team and show them all items that are going and anything that's staying.

 Make sure your removals know of any boxes etc. in lofts & basements that need moving not just the stuff that's visible.
- Drop the children off with a relative or friend who you've arranged to mind them or organise a corner of the lounge with some of their toys and a few treats. Older children may want specific tasks such as packing up their own personal box.
- \neg Do a final clean of the house.

- Make a note of all meter readings.
- Do a final walk round of property including garage and garden.
- Take the shrubs from the garden that you don't want to leave behind.
- Lock all windows and doors and leave any information which may be useful to the new occupier i.e. where the stopcock is, electric and gas meters, fuse box.





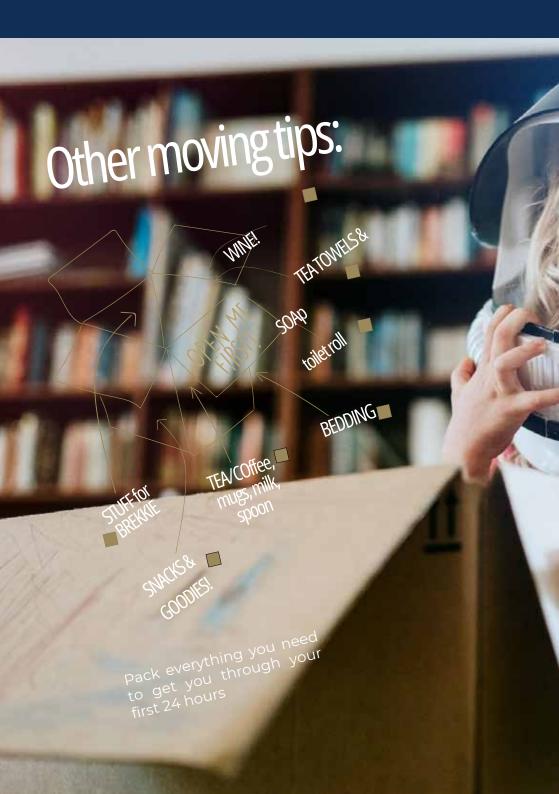
At your new home

are working.
Put the kettle on for your removal team when they arrive. Moving is thirsty business! Aim to be there when your removal team arrives so you can show them where you'd like items and boxes to go. When your removal team have finished, check the inside of the van thoroughly; it's your responsibility to make sure all of your belongings are removed.
Don't try and unpack everything today.

Order in a takeaway, enjoy a glass of

champagne and relax.

HOME IS WHERE THE
HEART IS EVEN IF YOU
CAN'T REMEMBER WHICH
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it in









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