



THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO MOVING HOME

We've helped 1000's of movers already!

This moving guide is digital, you can mark off the tasks by simply clicking the 'tick boxes' & fillable fields as you go. We hope you find this home moving guide helpful.

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Introduction

An introduction to moving home.

So... You're moving!

Finding your new home and getting ready to move in is an exciting time! Sometimes it can be hard work also. After all, you are about to move your whole life, family and worldly belongings to a new place, whether that's local or across the country.

However, did you know that **60%** of people say that moving home is the most stressful time they have experienced in their lifetime?

That's crazy right, maybe we overlook the fact since we move 100's of houses a year. The brilliant thing is though, moving house doesn't have to be difficult or stressful at all.

What's the secret?

In a nutshell, the secret to a successful move is to be prepared, plan ahead and follow a few simple rules for moving. In this guide you will be given helpful moving checklists and guides such as :

- ✓ **Packing Your Home**
- ✓ **Prior To Moving**
- ✓ **Moving Checklist**
- ✓ **Inventory List**
- ✓ **Who To Notify**
- ✓ **Removal Companies**
- ✓ **Prior To Moving**
- ✓ **Hints & Tips**
- ✓ **The Big Day**

Prior To Moving

The weeks running up to moving day

3 Weeks Before

It's better to start early and make arrangements for your move day in advance to stop the need of rushing around at the last minute. **Being organised will make moving home a pleasant experience, rather than a stressful day!**

Declutter your home.

Before you move home is the best time to have a good clear out of your home. There is no better feeling than moving into a new house without your extra baggage! **Donate** to your local charities or **sell** your unwanted items.

Organise sitters for your children and pets.

Although some older children may want to be involved on the big day, moving can be quite a **stressful time for young children**. Arrange for friends or family to look after your kids until you're all moved in. The same applies for pets, it can be a traumatic experience for many!

Notify Relevant companies of your change of address.

You would be surprised how many people leave this a little too late. **Companies need time to switch you over** to a new address, you want to ensure you give enough notice so that you don't experience any downtime when moving into your new place.

You want to notify the relevant people & companies of your change of address such as : -

*Utility providers Post office Cable provider Phone provider Work
Family DVLA Bank Lines of credit Insurance providers School*

2 Weeks Before -----

It's getting closer! Don't worry though, you have got all of the menial tasks out of the way, All you need to do now is make some **final arrangements** and ready your current property for move day.

Confirm your move with removal company.

Now is the time to make final confirmations with your moving company, Dates, times and any paperwork want to be signed and sent over. There is no worse feeling than **leaving it too late** and your planned mover being booked for your day.

Start packing unessential items.

Now is the time to make your move easy! Packing your belongings is the **most important** part and it is also one of the largest tasks. If you haven't already, call your movers and purchase all the packaging you require and start packing any items you won't require until you're in your new home. Closets, drawers, books, garage, sheds & lofts are all great places to start packing.

Get the home ready for new homeowners.

There is nothing worse than moving into a new home and not knowing how to use the boiler or what keys go where. It's a **great gesture** to have a walk around your home and make sure you gather manuals for appliances and boiler. It's also a great idea to label your house keys.



1 Day Before -----

It's almost time to move, you have got the majority of the hard work done, A few more things to finish and you are finally ready to move into your new home!

Defrost your fridge freezer.

You want to defrost your fridge / freezer before move day as moving them while frozen can cause damage to the item. **Simply empty the contents and turn the appliance off.** While its empty you might want to clean the insides as an empty and defrosted fridge can induce unwanted odors that are hard to remove.

Remove fixtures and fittings.

Unless your mover is carrying out this work, you will want to remove curtains, blinds, lampshades and other fixtures and fittings and pack them ready for moving. This also applies to the disconnection of TV's, set top boxes and whitegoods.

Pack the rest of your belongings.

Now is the time to pack the entire house into moving boxes, obviously you want to leave anything your going to need on moving day and the coming days such as medication, some food & drinks, a change of clothes etc. You may want to create your family an **overnight bag** in the event you don't manage to get unpacked the the first night,

Ensure prohibited goods are ready.

Some items are **not covered by removals insurance**, flammable goods such as petrol, gas canisters and flammable liquids will need to be moved independently. Make sure to drain any petrol powered machines such as lawn mowers and ensure paints are packed in sealed containers.

The Big Day ----

It's time to move home! You have worked hard and it's **time to relax**. Your movers will arrive shortly and take care of everything else, you have chosen to miss out on the heavy lifting, we don't blame you either. However there are a couple of things that may require your attention.

Meter readings.

You want to make sure you take readings of your **gas, electric and water meters**. We recommend taking a clear photo on your phone as it saves the date & reading itself. You can also include a written copy for yourself and the new owners if you wish.

Cut off utilities.

If no one is moving into the property **right away**, you may want to cut off the gas, electric and water from the mains. (if its cold weather or the property will be left unattended for a longer period you may want to leave the boiler running.)

Clean the property.

Although you may have already cleaned the home prior to moving, once your movers start moving your furniture, you will be able to get behind all them large units and pieces of furniture that are not accessible, **keep a few cleaning supplies and vacuum cleaner handy** to give the property its final clean ready for the new owner.

Secure the property.

Make sure you secure the property when leaving properly, **check that all doors and windows** are locked, including garages, sheds, gates, etc are all secured.

Packing Guide

How to pack your belongings like a pro

First things first, your Boxes!



Packing **materials are a must** for anyone moving home, it's pretty simple really though! You need:

Small, Medium & Large boxes.

Packing paper.

Bubble Wrap.

Packing Tape.

Marker Pens.

Speciality Boxes.

You can also buy specialty packaging such as mattress bags, television boxes, wine boxes, garment boxes and more!

How to pack a box.

It's important that you pack your belongings correctly. This means that items inside your boxes are **wrapped in either packing paper or bubble wrap**. If there are any voids in your box, once packed, be sure to fill them with crumpled packing paper. Boxes should not be overloaded with weight, try to **keep boxes below 15KG** as these things will help your removal team on the day.



Labeling Your Boxes.

Label your boxes **with the room it is to go to and a brief contents list** so you and your removals team know exactly where it goes.

Furniture Inventory

Extensive Furniture Inventory for your belongings.

Items to move	#	Items to move	#	Items to move	#
Living Room		Dining Room		Kitchen	
Settee (L)		Refectory table (L)		Dishwasher	
Settee (M)		Occasional table		Kitchen Table (L)	
Settee (S)		Dining chair		Kitchen Table (S)	
Armchair (L)				Kitchen chair	
Armchair (S)		Bedrooms		Baby's high chair	
Tub Armchair (S)		Fitted wardrobe		Microwave	
Occasional Chair		Wardrobe (Double)		Hall Table	
Wall unit		Wardrobe (Triple)		Hall Stand	
China cabinet (L)		Wardrobe (Single)			
China cabinet (M)		Dressing table		Outside Items	
China Cabinet (S)		Chest of drawers (L)		Patio set (L)	
Roll-top desk (S)		Chest of drawers (M)		Patio set (S)	
Bureau (L)		Chest of drawers (S)		Wheelbarrow	
Bureau (S)		Tallboy		Lawnmower	
Bookcase (L)		Mirror (L)		Sun lounger	
Bookcase (S)		King size Bed		Dustbin	
Bookshelves		Double Bed		Hose & reel	
Grandfather Clock		Single bed		Garden bench	
Chandelier		Bunk beds		Bicycle	
Standard Lamp		Headboard		Ladder (L)	
carpet, fitted		Childs folding cot		Ladder (S)	
carpet		Bedside table		Work bench	
Piano, upright		Box ottoman		Potted plants	
Piano, miniature		Table lamp		Garden ornaments	
Piano, baby grand		PC		Parasol	
Piano, Grand		PC desk			
Piano stool				Other Household Items	
Hi-Fi unit		Boxes / Misc			
Hi-Fi/TV cabinet		Box (S) (13"x13"x18")			
TV and Set top box		Box (M) (18"x18"x20")			
Nest tables		Box (L) (18"x18"x30")			
Stool		Wardrobe box			
Mirror		Trunk			
Coffee table		Suitcase			
Picture					
		Kitchen		Other Outdoor Items	
Dining Room		Cooker			
Welsh dresser		Chest freezer			
Sideboard (L)		Fridge freezer			
Sideboard (M)		American fridge freezer			
Sideboard (S)		Fridge / freezer			
Dining Table (L)		Washing machine / Dryer			
Dining table (M)		Vacuum cleaner			

Good Luck

We hope your move goes as smoothly as possible.

Other helpful resources

As well as this moving guide, we also provide other helpful hints and tips for movers on our blog.

You can visit our moving advice blog at:

<https://www.reds-removals.co.uk/moving-advice-blog/>

You will find in depth guides to packing your home, getting ready to move house, local area guides and articles about Reds Removals and the service we provide our clients across the North East & UK.

Removal company Stockton

We are a removal company based in Stockton-on-Tees and serve the entire North East including Hartlepool, Middlesbrough & Darlington.

If you have not already, you may wish to get in touch and have an informal chat regarding your upcoming move and how we can help.

<https://www.reds-removals.co.uk/contact-us/>

