

# Moving home checklist



## 6 weeks before your move

- Confirm your move date
- If you're renting you'll need to notify your landlord of your moving date.
- Start to de-clutter – decide what needs to go to charity/ offered to friends/sold.
- Check your home insurance – make sure you'll be covered from day one of your move.
- Decide if you are going to move yourself or use professional removers. If using professionals, get several quotes, check references and insurance levels.
- If you're moving yourself, ask friends for help.
- Notify utility companies

## 2 weeks

- Non-essential items can be packed (books, out of season clothes)
- If you are moving out of the area you will need to de-register from doctors/dentist/opticians and register in your new location.
- Arrange for post to be forwarded at the Post Office.
- If you have young children or pets, arrange for someone to take care of them on your move day.
- Start to run down your freezer contents.
- Think about change of address cards
- Notify your bank of any changes to standing orders or direct debits.

## 1 week before

- Confirm timings with your removal company – providing directions/postcodes
- Arrange for new locks to be fitted to your new property

## 3 days before

- Label spare keys for the new occupants
- Make up an essentials box for the first few days in your new home – loo rolls, tea making equipment, pen/ paper, cutlery, torch, lightbulbs, corkscrew, bottle of champagne

## 2 days before

- Defrost and dry out fridge/ freezer
- Confirm with estate agent/landlord when you will receive the keys to your new home

## 1 day before

- Charge mobile phones
- Do final check in cupboards/loft/shed/garage
- Make sure you have bedding ready for your first night

## Moving day

- Drop off children and pets
- Final clean of the house
- Final metre readings
- Lock all windows and doors and leave any useful information for the new occupier

## At your new home

- Make sure all services are working – electric, water, gas, oil.
- Make sure your locksmith arrives to change the locks.
- When your removal team have finished, make sure that the removal van is empty – it is your responsibility to make sure you have all your belongings.
- Don't try and unpack all at once – just what you need, then sit back and enjoy a glass of champagne!