Moving Checklist

Moving day: _____

Week by week, from 8 weeks out to moving day. Tick each task as you go.

8 weeks before

- [ ] Set your moving date and a rough budget.
- [ ] Get written quotes from at least three movers, or book a van or truck.
- [ ] Start a moving folder for quotes, receipts and contracts.
- [ ] Declutter room by room: sell, donate or recycle.
- [ ] Renting: give notice in writing and check the deposit rules.
- [ ] Selling: line up moving day with closing or completion.
- [ ] Tell the school and look up doctors near the new home.

2 weeks before

- [ ] Confirm date, time and both addresses with the movers.
- [ ] Plan parking for the van or truck at both homes.
- [ ] Refill prescriptions.
- [ ] Return borrowed items and library books.
- [ ] Take apart furniture; bag and tape the screws to each piece.

6 weeks before

- [ ] Order boxes, tape and packing paper.
- [ ] Measure large furniture and the doors of the new home.
- [ ] Use up frozen food and pantry items.
- [ ] Pack things you rarely use: seasonal clothes, books, decor.
- [ ] Get your pet's records from the vet.

4 weeks before

- [ ] Forward your mail (USPS change of address or Royal Mail Redirection).
- [ ] Book the switch of electricity, gas, water and internet.
- [ ] Update your address with the bank, employer and insurers.
- [ ] Pack room by room; label each box with room and contents.
- [ ] Book time off work and childcare for moving day.
- [ ] Set up insurance for the new home from moving day.

Who to tell you are moving

- [ ] Post office
- [ ] Employer
- [ ] Insurers
- [ ] Subscriptions
- [ ] Tax office
- [ ] Voter registration
- [ ] Bank and cards
- [ ] Doctor and dentist
- [ ] Phone and internet
- [ ] School
- [ ] Driver's license
- [ ] Family and friends

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Moving week, moving day and your first week in the new home.

Moving week

- [ ] Pack a first-night essentials box: bedding, towels, chargers, toilet paper, medicine, kettle, snacks.
- [ ] Pack a bag of clothes and toiletries for a few days.
- [ ] Clean as you go, or book a move-out clean.
- [ ] Plan a quiet room or a sitter for pets.

First week in your new home

- [ ] Unpack the kitchen and bathroom first.
- [ ] Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- [ ] Find the main water shutoff and the breaker panel or fuse box.
- [ ] Change or rekey the locks if you own the home.
- [ ] Update your driver's license and voter registration.
- [ ] Update your pet's microchip details.
- [ ] Flatten and recycle the boxes.

The day before

- [ ] Empty, defrost and clean the fridge and freezer.
- [ ] Charge phones and power banks.
- [ ] Keep documents, keys, medicine and valuables with you.

Moving day

- [ ] Take meter readings and photos before you leave.
- [ ] Renting: photograph every room after cleaning.
- [ ] Last walk-through: cupboards, attic or loft, garage, shed.
- [ ] Lock up and hand over the keys as agreed.
- [ ] At the new home: meter readings, check every box arrived.
- [ ] Make the beds first.

Notes and important numbers