

Things to do (Useful Moving Tips)

A few weeks before the removal day:

- Confirm moving date with removal company
- At the earliest date arrange new schools
- Work out budget for new items for your new home and place orders.
- Keep note and of promised delivery dates on new items and chase the suppliers regularly to ensure that they will be kept.
- Kitchen-start running down the food freezer. If the journey is likely to be a long one arrange to sell or give away frozen foods.
- Photograph valuables for insurance purposes.
- Buy packing materials and pet carriers.
- Advertise items that you want to sell.
- Arrange with a charity a date for them to collect what's left.
- Make floor plan of new home.
- Book hotel accommodation.
- Arrange with electricity, gas and water companies to read meters on moving day and if necessary disconnect the supply
- Arrange for your telephone company to give you a final bill on moving day and if necessary disconnect and divert calls to your new number.
- Arrange with the Royal Mail to redirect your mail.

Advise the following that you are moving:

We suggest that the more important ones be notified by recorded delivery mail

- Credit and store charge cards
- Professional advisers
- Home insurers
- Tax authorities
- Town Hall/ Civic Centre
- Bank Schools
- Medical
- DVLA
- Insurers

Arrange:

- Doctor
- Dentist
- Hospital
- Vets
- Bank
- Cleaning of any rugs or upholstery you are taking with you and the cleaning of carpets and drapes that are already fitted in your new home
- Arrange to have your car serviced if necessary around the moving date. You don't want to break down on moving day!
- Arrange to disconnect and re-connect any items you're taking with you and new appliances you may require to be installed, e.g. gas, electric, water

Final week:

- Clearly label items not to go.
- Confirm dates with the gas fitter, electrician, plumber, etc.
- Send out change of address cards.
- Obtain new supply of long term medications.
- Return library books and videos.
- Defrost and clean fridge.
- Check on how to operate the heating and hot water system in new house.
- Ask the people whose home you're moving into, to leave a local telephone directory along with numbers of reliable handymen and tradesmen
- If your taking drapes with you, dry-clean them and hang them in their wrapping in a wardrobe.
- Dry-clean coats, suits, etc.
- Wash or dry-clean linens.

Make sure the following will still be connected at your new home:

- Water
- Gas
- Electricity
- Telephone
- Arrange with the current owners of your new home to send you or to leave in an agreed place, any guarantees for appliances they are leaving.
- Dispose of any unwanted items that remain.

- Arrange locksmith
- Assemble documents
- Assemble first aid kit

Removal survival kit:

- Kettle
- Matches
- Torch
- Candles
- Light Bulbs
- Fuses
- Plug
- Map
- Screwdriver
- Nails
- Milk
- Nappies
- Towel
- Toiletries
- Salt
- Pepper
- Baby food
- Pet Food
- Thermos
- Screws
- Sugar
- Plastic Knives
- Spoons
- Frying Pan
- Spatula
- Cooking Pot
- Tin Opener
- Tinned Food
- Paperclips
- Scissors
- Tea & Coffee
- Notepad & Pen
- Needle & Thread
- Address Book
- Bedroom Window Covering
- Travel Sickness Tablets
- Essential Medication
- Change of Clothes
- Weatherproof Clothing
- Paper cups & Plates
- Electrical Tape