Week-by-week moving checklist

Tick each task as you go. From 8 weeks before your move to your first week in your new home.

8 weeks before

- [ ] Set your moving date, or your likely completion date if you are buying.
- [ ] Start decluttering: loft, garage and spare rooms first. See decluttering before you move.
- [ ] **Compare removal quotes** and book a survey for larger homes.
- [ ] Renting? Check your notice period and plan your end of tenancy clean.

6 weeks before

- [ ] **Book your removal company** and confirm what is included: packing, dismantling, storage.
- [ ] Book storage if your dates do not line up.
- [ ] Order boxes and packing materials, or book a packing service.
- [ ] Arrange school transfers and childcare for moving day.

4 weeks before

- [ ] Start packing rooms you use least: spare rooms, books, out-of-season clothes.
- [ ] Tell your bank, employer, GP, dentist and insurers you are moving. See who to tell.
- [ ] Book a furniture disposal or clearance for anything not coming.
- [ ] Pets: find a new vet and book a sitter or kennel for moving day.

3 weeks before

- [ ] Set up **Royal Mail redirection** so post follows you from moving day.
- [ ] Arrange broadband for your new home: installation can take two weeks or more.
- [ ] Ask for a parking suspension or permit if parking is difficult at either address.
- [ ] Confirm lift or loading bay bookings with building managers.

2 weeks before

- [ ] Confirm the date, arrival time and access with your removal company.
- [ ] Arrange gas, electricity and water switch-over and meter readings.
- [ ] Book a Gas Safe engineer if a gas cooker needs disconnecting.
- [ ] Use up frozen food and pack most of the kitchen.

1 week before

- [ ] Finish packing everything except daily essentials, and label every box with its room.
- [ ] Decide which furniture you will take apart, or confirm the movers will.
- [ ] Return library books and borrowed items; cancel local deliveries.
- [ ] Pack valuables and documents to carry yourself.

The day before

- [ ] Defrost and dry the fridge freezer.
- [ ] Pack your **essentials box**: kettle, mugs, toilet roll, chargers, medicines, bedding.
- [ ] Charge your phone and keep the mover's number handy.
- [ ] Read before the movers arrive.

Moving day

- [ ] Take meter readings and photos at both homes.
- [ ] Show the crew round and point out fragile items and anything not going.
- [ ] Keep pets and children away from the action.
- [ ] Check every room, cupboard and the loft before the van leaves. See the moving day timeline.

Your first day and week

- [ ] Check boxes and furniture for damage and report any to the company promptly.
- [ ] Make up beds first, then the kitchen.
- [ ] Register with a GP and update council tax and the electoral roll.
- [ ] Update your address on your driving licence and vehicle log book.

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