

MOVING CHECKLIST



BEFORE THE MOVE

- ☐ **Make a list of your services and providers** - gas, electric, TV, broadband, banks, water etc: Look through your direct debits to confirm.
- ☐ **Cancel any subscriptions you will no longer need** - E.g.. milk deliveries
- ☐ **Make removal arrangements** - If you are hiring a van, they get booked up fast
- ☐ **Arrange home insurance for your new property** - This needs to be in place for exchange of contracts, not just completion
- ☐ **Start packing non-essential items** - Things you don't need before the move
- ☐ **Declutter** - Use the move as an opportunity to sell or donate unwanted items
- ☐ **Prepare an essentials box** - you will be living out of boxes for a bit - keep kettles, mugs, biscuits, tea and toilet roll handy!

THE DAY OF THE MOVE

- ☐ **Take final meter readings** - Gas, water, electric - photos are a good idea
- ☐ **Check all rooms and storage spaces** - don't forget the shed, loft and cupboards
- ☐ **Defrost your Freezer** - Switch this off the night before - you don't want this to defrost in the removals van!
- ☐ **Collect ALL of your keys and confirm handover** - Check with the agent/seller, normally they are released once the solicitors confirm the transfer of funds
- ☐ **Keep your phone charged** - You'll need this throughout the day

AFTER THE MOVE

- ☐ **Take meter readings at your new home** - Gas, electric, water - take photos, these are useful in case of disputes with your provider
- ☐ **Unpack essentials first** - Get that kettle out - you'll need a cuppa
- ☐ **Test smoke alarms and other detectors** - Replace batteries and faulty alarms
- ☐ **Change the locks** - You never know who still has a key from the past
- ☐ **Notify your suppliers** - Work through your list and confirm your address change
- ☐ **Register with a local GP** - It's good to get this done early
- ☐ **Locate the water stopcock, fuse box and boiler** - especially if you are doing DIY
- ☐ **Ensure your home insurance is active** - Double check it has started
- Enjoy your new home!** - Take a moment to relax, maybe order a take away!