Moving House Checklist

A printable eight-week moving timeline with tasks for each stage, an essentials box list and first-week tasks in your new home.

8 weeks before

- [ ] Set a moving budget
- [ ] Get 2–3 quotes from movers or plan a van hire
- [ ] Check lease or purchase dates
- [ ] Start decluttering
- [ ] Create a moving folder

6 weeks before

- [ ] Book movers or van and confirm in writing
- [ ] Collect boxes, tape, markers and bubble wrap
- [ ] Arrange time off work if needed

4 weeks before

- [ ] Pack rarely used items
- [ ] Label boxes with room and contents
- [ ] Update your address with employer, bank and insurers
- [ ] Arrange mail forwarding if available
- [ ] Set up utilities and internet at the new address

2 weeks before

- [ ] Confirm moving day details
- [ ] Use up freezer and cupboard food
- [ ] Arrange childcare or pet care for moving day
- [ ] Plan parking or access at both properties

Final week

- [ ] Pack everything except essentials
- [ ] Pack the essentials box
- [ ] Clean the old property or book cleaners

Essentials box

- [ ] Phone chargers
- [ ] Toiletries and toilet paper
- [ ] Medicines
- [ ] Important documents
- [ ] Kettle, mugs and snacks
- [ ] Basic tools

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- [ ] Bedding for the first night

Moving day

- [ ] Final meter readings and photos
- [ ] Final walk-through of every room and cupboard
- [ ] Keep valuables and documents with you
- [ ] Hand over or collect keys
- [ ] Check the new home and take meter readings

First week

- [ ] Unpack kitchen and bedrooms first
- [ ] Check smoke alarms and locate stop valve and fuse box
- [ ] Update any remaining address records

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