Moving house checklist

Moving date: _____

Moving from		**Moving to**	
Moving date		**Removals or van**	
Key handover time		**Main contact on the day**	

8 weeks before

- [ ] Start a moving folder for paperwork
- [ ] Get quotes from removal firms or plan a van
- [ ] Sort what to keep, sell or donate
- [ ] Check your key dates and notice periods
- [ ] Order boxes, tape and marker pens
- [ ] Measure big furniture and new doorways
- [ ] Book time off work for moving week
- [ ]

4 weeks before

- [ ] Book your removal firm or van
- [ ] Start packing rooms you rarely use
- [ ] Set up mail redirection
- [ ] Tell your child's school or nursery
- [ ] Arrange parking for the van at both ends
- [ ] Book a clean for the old home, if needed
- [ ] Plan childcare and pet care for moving day
- [ ] Start the change of address list

2 weeks before

- [ ] Arrange broadband at the new home
- [ ] Set up or transfer energy and water
- [ ] Tell your bank and insurers
- [ ] Update your driving licence and vehicle details
- [ ] Use up food in the freezer and cupboards
- [ ] Pack non-essentials and label by room
- [ ] Return library books and borrowed items
- [ ]

1 week before

- [ ] Confirm times with the removers and agent
- [ ] Pack a first-night box
- [ ] Defrost the fridge and freezer
- [ ] Disconnect the washing machine
- [ ] Charge phones and power banks
- [ ] Collect spare keys to hand back
- [ ] Print directions and contact numbers
- [ ]

The day before

- [ ] Finish packing and label every box
- [ ] Pack an essentials bag to carry yourself
- [ ] Check the van's parking is clear
- [ ] Take down curtains and shelves you are taking
- [ ] Have an early night
- [ ]

Moving day

- [ ] Photograph meter readings at the old home
- [ ] Walk every room, cupboard and the loft
- [ ] Close windows and lock up
- [ ] Hand over the keys as agreed
- [ ] Photograph meter readings at the new home
- [ ] Check each room and photograph any damage
- [ ] Tell the movers where each box goes
- [ ] Unpack the kettle and the first-night box

After you move

- [ ] Unpack the beds and kitchen first
- [ ] Find the stopcock, fuse box and boiler
- [ ] Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms
- [ ] Check redirected post is arriving
- [ ] Register with a local GP and dentist
- [ ] Finish the change of address list
- [ ] Check bin and recycling days
- [ ] Recycle boxes and packing materials