



Ultimate Move-In Checklist for New Homeowners

Use this checklist to make your move stress-free and organised. Tick things off as you go!

Before Moving Day

- Confirm your move-in date with your solicitor and estate agent.
- Book your removals company or van rental.
- Notify utility providers (gas, electric, water) and give meter readings.
- Set up broadband and phone line installation at the new property.
- Arrange home insurance cover starting from the exchange date.
- Inform your employer, banks, and DVLA of your change of address.
- Redirect your post through Royal Mail (set up a redirection).
- Declutter your current home and pack in stages.
- Label boxes clearly by room and priority.
- Create a 'first night' essentials box (toiletries, kettle, snacks, chargers, toilet roll, etc.)

On Moving Day

- Take final meter readings at your old property and photograph them.
- Clean your old home or arrange a cleaner (especially if renting).
- Do a final sweep of all rooms, cupboards, lofts and sheds.
- Double check you have all keys and hand them over if needed.
- Arrive at your new home early and check everything is as expected.

- Take initial meter readings and photograph them for your records.
- Meet the removals team and show them the layout of the new house.
- Plug in your fridge/freezer and other key appliances.
- Unpack your essentials box and make up your bed first.

📅 First Week in Your New Home

- Register with your new local GP and dentist.
- Check smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are working.
- Locate the stopcock, fuse box, and boiler.
- Introduce yourself to the neighbours.
- Update your address with your council for council tax.
- Register for local services (e.g. bins, recycling, parking permits).
- Unpack room by room, starting with the kitchen and bedrooms.
- Check broadband and utilities are working properly.
- Arrange any needed repairs or handyman jobs.

📅 Within the First Month

- Review your home insurance and update cover if needed.
- Review your mortgage and protection policies for peace of mind.
- Put up curtains/blinds for privacy and warmth.
- Make a list of any furniture or items to purchase.
- Settle into a routine and plan a housewarming (if desired!).
- Add personal touches to make the house feel like home.