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Essential Moving Guide



Even with the expert advice and help of your Estate Agent and Solicitor, preparing to move house can be a very worrying time. To help make the process as stress free as possible, we've put together this moving guide to refresh your memory and offer some handy tips.

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Moving Checklist

First things First

First of all give us a call on **07778 762162**. There is no charge for our help and advice. When organising to move you'll want to give yourself about 4 weeks. We've put together the following checklist to help - Not all will be applicable but we hope it makes the process slightly easier for you.

- ☐ Contact your Utility provider to arrange final readings & disconnections of gas, electricity & water.
- ☐ Empty the loft.
- ☐ Check with the sellers of your new home that they are leaving the home telephone and number.
- ☐ Advise friends and relatives of your new address. It may be worth creating a generic message via email or whatsapp.
- ☐ Visit your new home and measure up for curtains and carpets, thinking where your furniture will go.
- ☐ If you have children, visit the local schools and playgroups and make appropriate enrolment plans.
- ☐ If your move is of any distance why not book a hotel room for a thankful night's rest before moving out and moving in?

Changing Address

Let all the people you deal with know of your change of address and the removal date. Some of these will be necessary for everyone, which we have highlighted in bold. There is...

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| ☐ Council Tax | ☐ Employer |
| ☐ Water Rates | ☐ GP Surgery & Dentist |
| ☐ Online subscriptions | ☐ Vehicle Registration & Driving Licence |
| ☐ Building Society | ☐ Car/House Insurers |
| ☐ Bank & Credit Cards | ☐ Life Insurers |
| ☐ Gym | ☐ Pension company |
| ☐ Leasing or Hire Purchase Company | ☐ Premium Bonds/ Stocks and Shares |
| ☐ Child Allowances | ☐ Gardener/ Window Cleaner |
| ☐ Children's Schools | ☐ Phone Contract |
| ☐ TV License | ☐ Re-register to vote with new address |
| ☐ Internet Provider | ☐ Shopping Websites |

The Week before your move

- ☐ Arrange with the post office to redirect your mail.
- ☐ It's best to move with a fridge/ freezer as empty as possible and refrain from carrying cooler bags with excess food. It's a good time to have a clear out and use everything up.
- ☐ Delete your old address from online shopping sites such as Ebay, Amazon, Asos, or any other stores you shop with regularly.
- ☐ Arrange the dismantling of furniture , such as bedroom furniture and bathroom cabinets
- ☐ Make sure that all carpets and floor coverings can be easily lifted and that they are not nailed or stuck down, if you've agreed to take them.
- ☐ Reclaim any repaired or cleaned items from the shops.
- ☐ See if a good friend or relative can help with your children or pets on removal day.



The Day before your move

- ☐ Collect together any items that you want and need to take with you personally and store in suit cases i.e. passports, important documents, keys and medicines.
- ☐ Defrost or turn your fridge/freezer to FULL FREEZE. We may need to empty it briefly if it is too heavy so make sure that everything left inside is bagged in black plastic bags.
- ☐ Buy the food for removal day and the day after. (Preferably something that does not require cooking, easy to carry snacks and water are a good idea too)
- ☐ Put the keys for your new home and car in a safe place.
- ☐ If possible, go to bed early.
- ☐ Give your Solicitor and Estate Agent our mobile telephone number; it is **07778 762162**.
- ☐ Give us good directions and the new address.



The Day of your move

- ☐ Put some boiling water for tea etc in a flask in case your electricity is disconnected early. Not always necessary.
- ☐ Show us any item that needs particular care when it is moved.
- ☐ Show us any item that is NOT to be moved.
- ☐ Keep back vacuum cleaner dustpan and brushes kettle etc until last. Items loaded in last will come out of the vehicle first.
- ☐ When everything is loaded go around your old home carefully to make sure nothing has been overlooked.
- ☐ Confirm with us the approximate time the vehicle will arrive at your new home.



Packing

Planning to Pack

Start packing as soon as you find out you're moving- it can come around fast! It's a good idea to pack items first that you don't use often. Such as photo albums and non essential homeware.

It may help to make a general list of contents for each room, separating breakables and non-breakables. Any large pieces of furniture will be packed separately to your boxed items. Having a list for each room allows you to see everything on paper.

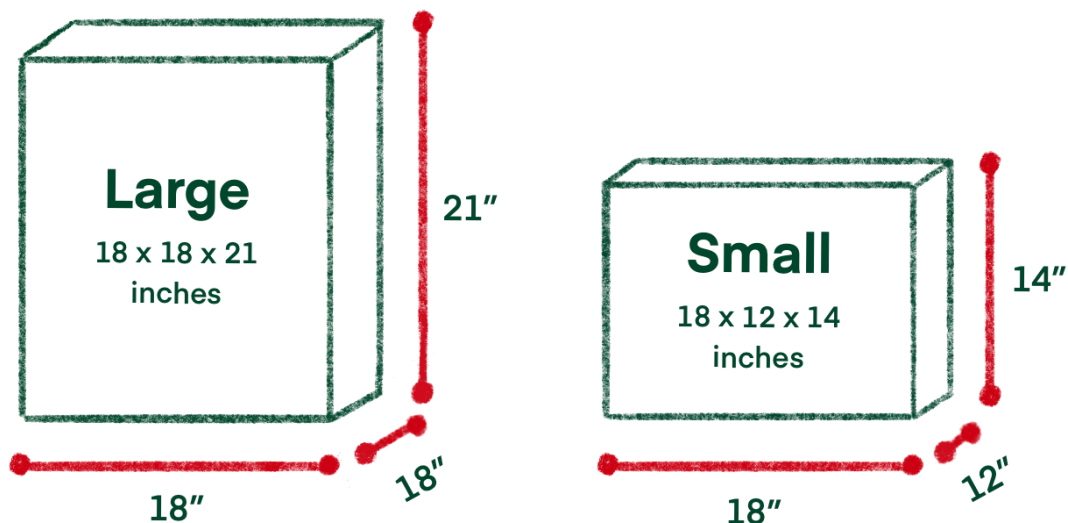
Never pack flammable items or non-allowable items. (See ETS Terms and Conditions).

Breakables	Non Breakables
. Ceramic plates	. DVDs & Books
. Mugs & Cups	. Boardgames
. Vases	. Pots & Pans
. Small Mirrors	. Bed Linen
. Photo Frames	. Kids toy
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Our Packing Service

We offer a complete packing service where we will come and pack all of your effects safely prior to moving or part pack as required. If you prefer to pack yourself we can still supply all the boxes and materials to secure your belongings.

Our large cardboard boxes (18" x 18" x 21") are useful for lightweight bulky items and our small boxes (18" x 12" x 14") are ideal for china and books.



How to Pack

- Use plain packing paper. Old newspapers may work but use them carefully because the ink may rub off onto your items. We can supply the plain packing paper if required. Use generous amounts of paper inside the carton on the top and bottom to provide a good cushion.
- Whether breakable or not, pack all cartons tightly, with scrunched paper at the top.
- Pack one room at a time and keep all the boxes together.
- Always pack heavy items in small boxes. It will make transporting them easier. Also keep the weight of all boxes to a minimum to avoid any back injuries, if the box is getting heavy finish it off with some light weight things.
- Begin at the top of the house and move downwards. If you have an attic it's a good idea to sort it out first.
- Start packing as soon as you find out you are moving. Packing always takes longer than anticipated particularly when you start reminiscing over old photographs, so make sure to give yourself enough time.
- Keep any houseplants together - when it comes to the end of the move you can water them all at once.
- Lamps travel better with selection of shades in one box and the bases in another - a few open topped boxes are not a problem.
- Empty the drawers on your divan bed. Most chests of drawers full of clothes can be left full, as long as we can take the draws out if required.
- Linen can be bagged in dustbin liners, or similar bags.
- We carry 3 or 4 wardrobe boxes for transit use on our lorry. If you are short of wardrobe space within your new home it is possible to buy clothes rails from Argos or similar outlets.

Naming Boxes

If you are not taking advantage of our packing service, clearly state on the outside of the box...

- Which room the contents should go to.
- If the box contains breakables, clearly mark "Fragile" on the outside.
- Write "Open First" on cartons containing essential items such as cooking utensils, toiletries etc.

