



## Helpful Stuff

### A handy checklist for moving house

**Moving tip:** pre-planning can help take away some of the stress of moving. Complete this checklist before moving out of your old property, leaving you to move into your new one in style!

- Contact utilities providers and services at the new property to arrange the connections – particularly the phone or you may have to pay a reconnection charge.
- If you were renting, make sure you have given the right amount of notice to your landlord.
- Redirect your post – Royal Mail charge a small fee; you choose for how long you want your post to be redirected to your new home: 1, 3 or 6 months.
- Set up a date with all suppliers to switch: cable, satellite, broadband etc (this can take weeks) and home/contents insurance.
- When you move allow time to repair any damage where pictures or shelves have been removed (it is a condition of the sale!)
- Either, empty the freezer and turn it off to move it, or turn it up to maximum a couple of days before the move so preserving as much food as possible.
- Record the meter readings at your old home as you move out.
- Pack essentials in a handy box (washing up items, bin bags, light bulbs, vacuum cleaner, everything for a cuppa – you may need one and the removalists might thank you for it!)
- Pack snacks to keep your energy levels up. You'll need it!
- Pack valuables and fragile items separately – and transport them yourself.
- Keep tools/power tools to one side for quick repairs eg screwdriver, and make sure they are charged.
- Try to arrange for children and pets to be away from the move, giving you space get more done.
- Check the utilities (water, gas, electric) and heating, (boiler, shower, appliances) in your new home – to ensure they are still working just before you move!
- As you move, try to make up the beds straight away so you have somewhere to crash when you're finally beaten!
- Record the meter readings at your new home as you move in.
- Once you have moved, inform: utilities, bank/building society, credit, loan and store card companies, any subscriptions/deliveries, school/college/nursery, employer, trade unions, professional bodies, clubs (such as leisure centres), societies, religious groups, libraries, doctors, vets, opticians, dentist, DVLA, car insurance, HMRC, DWP, council tax, electoral register, TV licensing, satellite/cable provider, phone (landline and mobile), insurance, pension companies and finally ... family and friends!

When you move, update paperwork eg passport address reference, Wills (especially if the value of your new home is different). To get your affairs in order, please contact our Wills and Probate team for a free, no obligation quote: [enquiries@law.uk.com](mailto:enquiries@law.uk.com) or call 01244 318131.