

FIRST TIME BUYERS CHECKLIST

Before you collect the keys to your new home you need to do some planning in advance – it will make moving a lot less stressful if you're prepared!

✓ 4-6 Weeks before moving

- Give your landlord notice (if you're currently in rented accommodation)
- Sort out home insurance - why not ask for a quote?
- Organise your removal – friends/family or removal company?
- Start collecting packing boxes and start packing the non-essential items – labelling each box so you know which room it needs to go in
- Start contacting any service providers/friends/family to inform them of the change of address (overleaf is a list which may help you)
- Start thinking about the furniture you need – some new furniture may take up to 6 weeks to deliver!
- Arrange parking permits for your new property (if necessary)
- Make arrangements for any pets during the move

✓ 1 Week to go

- Arrange to pay Council Tax for the new property and cancel it on your existing property
- Start packing your 'Box of Essentials' (see overleaf for a list)
- Parking – check with the neighbours at both properties so there'll be room for you to park outside to upload and unload your boxes on the day
- Defrost fridges and freezers

✓ On moving day

- Clean your existing property or arrange for a professional cleaning company to come in – but don't forget you'll need to clean your new home too
- Arrange to have your keys handed to your landlord (if you're currently in a rental property)
- Ensure you have all keys for locks, doors & windows to your new home
- Take meter readings at both your old property and new property
- Find out which day the dustbins are emptied at your new property – ask your local council or your neighbours

Your meter readings

Gas:

Electricity:

Water:

a little extra help



In addition to your friends and family, here's a list of suggested service providers who you may need to contact to inform them of your new address:

Keeping the following items to hand will help your day run smoothly:

✓	Financial
	Bank or building society
	Home insurance
	Credit cards
	Rental/hire purchase
	Pension companies
	Savings/bonds
	Life policies
	Employer – payroll
	Catalogue companies
	National Insurance

✓	Motoring
	Vehicle registration – DVLA
	Driving licence – DVLA
	Vehicle insurance
	Breakdown services

✓	Box of Essentials
	Kettle
	Milk
	Tea and/or coffee
	Cups
	Snacks
	Bedding/Towels
	Scissors
	Toiletries
	Toilet rolls
	Light bulbs
	Small tool kit
	Torch
	Lighter
	Pen and paper
	Corkscrew
	Basic kitchenware (e.g. cutlery, crockery, can opener)
	Take-away leaflets (you may fancy a take-away)
	Keys, car, etc
	Pet food (if you have a pet)
	Cash, credit cards and cheque book

✓	Services
	Electoral register
	Gas
	Mobile telephone
	Landline telephone
	Electricity
	Cable/satellite/internet services
	Loyalty cards (e.g. Tesco, Sainsbury, etc)
	TV licence
	Water
	Post Office – re-direction

✓	Healthcare
	Doctor
	Dentist
	Optician
	Healthcare insurance

✓	Others
	Subscriptions
	Schools/colleges/nursery
	Library
	Gym/golf club
	Newspaper

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