

Moving checklist

Moving is one of the most stressful things you can do, but a little planning can help minimise the stress on the day.

Before your move day

- Confirm your move date with Ballards and your solicitor
- Collect packing boxes from Ballards and begin getting things boxed up and prepared
- Dispose of anything you don't want
- Arrange for tradesmen to disconnect kitchen appliances, including washing machine
- Organise for readings of your gas, electricity, telephone and water meters to be taken
- Start running down your fridge/freezer
- Clear the loft, sort out garage and garden shed. Drain any fuel from lawnmowers/motor cycles before transporting
- If appropriate, make arrangements for your children to be looked after
- Organise transport for your pets
- If you're moving in or out of a block of flats, arrange to have use of the manual override key or priority use of the lift
- Advise Ballards about parking restrictions at both addresses
- Notify TV licence, passport, car licence and registration office
- Notify your banks, credit card and insurance company
- Notify your doctor, dentist, optician and vet
- Notify your telephone company and ISP
- Notify all creditors
- Arrange to re-route any mail
- Ensure Ballards are booked and paid for one week prior to move day

Day before the move

- Defrost your fridge/freezer
- Pack everything for your first night and morning in your new home, such as nightwear, towels, wash bag, change of clothing, breakfast foods, and crockery/cutlery. Don't forget the kettle and toilet roll! A takeaway is probably the best option for your evening meal on moving day
- Assemble a box of refreshments. Include sandwiches and snacks, tea and coffee, long-life milk and soft drinks
- Prepare your plants for transit
- Pack valuables and important documents securely. You will probably wish to transport these yourself
- Find and label keys for your purchaser
- Remove any fixtures you are taking

On the move day

- Have TV aerials or satellite dishes taken down if they are part of the move
- Make sure that the meters have been read. Keep a note of the readings
- Before the removal van departs, take a final look around the property and check you haven't forgotten anything. Responsibility is yours to see nothing is moved in error
- Ensure you have left operating instructions for the central heating, etc...
- Lock all doors and windows
- Leave the keys for collection by the purchaser (or landlord), as arranged
- Ensure the removal crew has directions to your new property and a phone number to contact you
- Agree a time of arrival
- Arrive at your new property, with the keys, before the removal van

Enjoy your new home!

Removal questions?

“Should I leave my chest of drawers full?”

“How should I pack my clothes?”

“Should I lie my plates flat or stand them up?”

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