

HOME MOVERS GUIDE & CHECK LIST



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Essential Home Moving Checklist

Your step-by-step guide to a smooth, stress-free move

Moving home can feel like juggling a hundred little tasks at once, but with the right plan, it doesn't have to be overwhelming. This guide walks you through everything, from the early planning stages to the moment you close the door on your old place for the last time.

Getting Started – Six Weeks to Go

Start by locking in your moving date. Confirm it with your estate agent or landlord so everyone's on the same page. Then get your removal service booked as soon as possible – SDS Man and Van can help you choose a time that suits your schedule.

This is also the time to start decluttering. Go room by room and decide what's worth keeping, donating, or recycling. If you've got bulky items you no longer need, ask about a clearance service. Once you've trimmed things down, gather your packing materials and make a list of the essentials you'll need before moving day.

Three Weeks to Go

Let all your utility providers know you're moving. That includes gas, electricity, broadband, water, and council tax. Make sure your home insurance covers you for the move itself – not every policy does. Update your address with your bank, GP, and anywhere else that sends important mail.

Begin packing anything you won't need right away. Label boxes clearly so you can find what you need easily when you arrive. It also helps to mark which room each box should go into at your new home.

One Week to Go

You're getting close now, so it's time for the finishing touches. Pack a separate "first night" box with the basics – tea, toiletries, bedding, and maybe a change of clothes. Defrost and clean the fridge and freezer, and if possible, dismantle large furniture to save space in the van.

If you have pets or small children, arrange care for them on moving day so you can focus on the task at hand.

4–6 Weeks Before Moving

- Confirm your moving date with your estate agent or landlord.
- Book your **removal service** early — contact SDS Man and Van for availability.
- Notify schools, employers, and family of your moving date.
- Start decluttering; donate, sell, or recycle items you no longer need.
- Arrange for storage or clearance of unwanted furniture.
- Gather packing materials (boxes, bubble wrap, tape, labels).

2–3 Weeks Before Moving

- Notify your **utility providers** (gas, electricity, water, broadband).
- Update your address with your **bank, GP, insurance, and DVLA**.
- Arrange **mail redirection** via Royal Mail.
- Begin packing non-essential items and clearly label each box by room.
- Confirm access and parking at both properties for the moving van.
- Ensure your home insurance covers items in transit.

1 Week Before Moving


- Pack essentials for the first night (toiletries, bedding, snacks, kettle).
- Defrost and clean your fridge/freezer.
- Dismantle large furniture if possible.
- Arrange care for pets or children on moving day.
- Double-check all arrangements with your removals company.

Moving Day

- Take final **meter readings** for utilities.
- Secure valuables and important documents.
- Do a final walkthrough – check all cupboards, loft, and garden.
- Leave manuals, keys, and warranties for the new owner.
- Relax – SDS Man and Van has you covered!

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