

at home MOVING OUT CHECKLIST

1 to 2 weeks before your move...

- Continue to pack up as much as you can in advance.
- As you dismantle furniture or pack up appliances, put any screws or small parts into bags, label them and tape them to the item with masking tape.
- Mark any items that are staying at the old house with a coloured sticker, so the removers know not to pack it.
- Use Royal Mail's redirect service to make sure any contacts you've forgotten to notify will be covered.
- Make sure little accounts (such as milk, newspaper) are paid up and closed
- De-register from your doctor and dentist and re-register in the new location.
- Start to plan the moving day and think about how you'll pack your "moving kit". This will be everything you'll need on the first day such as essential toiletries, toothbrush, toilet paper, change of clothes, bed linen, towels, a torch, spare light bulbs and batteries. Also essential kitchen items like kettle, mugs, plates and some cutlery. Maybe put these items together in a suitcase or separate box.
- Think about what you'll eat on the moving day and when. Are you going to be organised and prepare sandwiches, or scope out the local takeaways? Pack some biscuits and crisps in your "moving kit"!
- Gather manuals for your appliances so that they are to hand when you arrive at the new place and need to reinstall everything.
- Start a deep clean of your old home. Windows, carpets, kitchen cabinets as you empty them.
- If you are a tenant, consult the terms of your rental agreement and make sure you've done everything agreed upon with regard to the condition the property is left in. Check the inventory and discuss any missing or broken items with your landlord.
- Confirm everything with the removal company, if using, or the van rental company.
- Plan the journey and parking at the new place, especially for the van. Write up directions for the removal company.
- Make sure everyone involved in the move has each other's mobile numbers and charge yours up the day before.
- Work out how and when your pets are going to arrive. It will be easier on them to spend a day or two with a friend or at a boarding kennel until you're unpacked at the other end.
- Write a note for the new owners or tenants welcoming them to their new home, explaining where useful things like the fuse box, stopcock and meters are, and who currently provides your utilities.
- If you have the opportunity to access the new property, see if you can get any jobs like carpet cleaning or painting done ahead of the move.