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HOME MOVING GUIDE

We all know that moving home can be a really stressful event as of course there are so many things to think about on the day. We have put together this handy guide to help you plan and prepare. If we can be of assistance then please give us a call.

6 Weeks before your move date

- Make sure everyone in your family knows the exact date you are moving.
- Begin planning the move
- Are you taking everything with you? Or do you want to leave things behind?
- Creating a floor plan of your new home and marking where your furniture would go can be a great help
- Do you have enough furniture for the new home? Do you need new things? If so you may want to begin ordering items now as often furniture items take a little while to come
- Will you need some storage space? If so then enquire about this now.
- Are you packing your home yourself or ordering a packing service?
- Do you know the area you are moving to well? You could begin researching the new area to familiarise yourself with the local community ahead of time.

4 Weeks before your move date

- Confirm the date of the move with your moving company if you have not already done so.
- Do you have children? If so arranging childcare for the moving day could be a really good idea – Older children may want to be involved in the move, and can even help out on the day however we often find that families with younger children tend to seek help from friends and relatives so that they can have one less thing to worry about.
- Take a full inventory of your belongings and start sorting them into some kind of logical order ready for packing - think about where you will want to put things at the new home.
- Clear out any unwanted belongings – There is no point taking things with you that you know you will end up throwing out at the new home. A fresh start in your new home is an ideal time to clear unwanted belongings. You could give items to friends and family, or of course a charity shop. You could even hold a garage sale and try to raise some money.
- Order the essential moving supplies that you will need to ensure your belongings are safe.
- Begin packing items you don't use very often and start running down your freezer.

2 Weeks before your move date

- Notify your utility service providers, banks and financial institutions about your move. You will need to arrange for water, gas and electricity meter readings on the day of your move. Also, you'll want to ensure that all services are connected in your new home the day you move in too.
- Arrange to transfer your home phone number.
- Arrange for your post to be redirected – Contact Royal Mail if you want to have your post redirected, this is important to ensure your post reaches you until everyone's records are updated.
- Organise the disconnection and reconnection of domestic appliances, like your washing machine, cooker, and gas fires. It is very important that any gas appliances are removed by a qualified Gas Safe engineer.
- Plan the moving day in detail leaving no stone unturned.
- Decide how you are going to transport any pets and animals.
- Finalise everything with your moving company. Confirm arrival dates and addresses. You will also want to think about parking facilities for the removal van on the day notifying neighbours so that the area can be left clear.

1 Week before your move date

- Finish packing all non-essential items and clean the house thoroughly.
- It is usually a good idea to put all important documents and precious items into one box and take these with you – include things like passports, driving licenses, wills, birth certificates, insurance papers, cash and jewellery.
- Defrost and clean your fridge and freezer.
- Cancel any regular deliveries you have to your home, like milk or newspapers.

The day before you move

- If you are taking advantage of our professional packing service then it is a good idea to prepare some things to help make the process as fast as possible. You can usually leave drawers and storage trunks with their contents intact, but removing any breakable items is a good idea. It is important to highlight any such items that have hidden belongings inside to our team.
- Please ensure all liquids, oils and paints must be placed into sealed containers. NOTE: We cannot transport inflammable material, so you should make arrangements to have these disposed of safely.
- Put together some essential things that you do not want us to move and inform our team when they arrive so that you can take these items with you.

The moving day

- So, you've followed our handy removals guide so what now? You can leave the hard work to us, but there are a few essential things you will still need to take care of.
- Be present when our moving team arrive just so you can answer any questions they may have on the day.
- Check the condition of your belongings as they are being loaded. Our team may make notes or take pictures of any marks or damage to furniture prior to loading and so pointing out anything as we move your items can be really helpful.
- So, it's time to move - make sure that you take meter readings, switch off the water and power supply and of course leave your old home secure by locking all doors and windows.
- Have you forgotten anything? Take one last walk around your property, our removal crew will of course do this, but make sure you do yourself just to make sure nothing has been overlooked.
- Drop keys at the estate agents if you need to.