

Checklist for moving:

After purchasing a home, there's a lot to manage. That's why we've put together this handy checklist.

Think about the following things at an early stage:

- ✿ Notify your old rental property to end the lease
- ✿ Arrange a new mortgage when moving to a purchased property
- ✿ End gas, water, and electricity services in the old home on time
- ✿ Connect gas, water, and electricity in the new home on time
- ✿ Perhaps you can take over some things from the previous occupants of your new home?
- ✿ Take days off well in advance to manage the actual move
- ✿ Arrange a mail forwarding service for after the move
- ✿ Cancel services connected to your old home (e.g., window cleaning or garden maintenance) in time to avoid further charges after the move.
- ✿ Request quotes for any renovations
- ✿ Request quotes from moving companies
- ✿ Research and compare prices and delivery times for items needed in the new home
- ✿ Compare providers for energy, phone, internet, radio, and TV for your new address.
- ✿ Dispose of items you don't want to take with you.
- ✿ If you're moving to a different municipality, don't forget to register as a resident in your new municipality and deregister from your old one.

One month before the move:

- ✿ Send moving notifications to all important persons and agencies (Who do you need to inform about your move?)
- ✿ Connections for gas, water, and electricity in both old and new homes should be arranged.
- ✿ If hiring a moving company, make timely arrangements.
- ✿ Make arrangements with contractors and other companies for upcoming renovations.
- ✿ If using a P.O. Box, cancel the old one if needed and request a new one near your new home.

At least 2 weeks before the move:

- ✿ All items not being moved should now be cleared/thrown away
- ✿ Moving notifications should be sent
- ✿ Start packing all belongings that are moving
- ✿ Return borrowed items (library books, personal belongings of others, etc.)
- ✿ Ask for the return of spare keys to your old home
- ✿ Cash in store loyalty points or stamps that you can't take with you
- ✿ Arrange key handover
- ✿ If you already have the keys to your new home, make copies of spare keys.
- ✿ If you already have the keys to your new home, take meter readings.
- ✿ Arrange childcare for the day(s) of the move
- ✿ Arrange pet care for the day(s) of the move

2 to 3 days before the move:

- ✿ Any essential renovations needed to move into the new home should now be completed.
- ✿ The new home should be cleaned as much as possible so that all items can be moved in.
- ✿ Remove floor coverings in the old home as much as possible
- ✿ Start dismantling items (fixed lamps, wall decorations, bookshelves, sunscreens, any roof antennas or dishes, etc.)
- ✿ All belongings to be moved (except essentials like toiletries, medications) should now be packed.
- ✿ Secure the drum of the washing machine

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Last day before the move:

- ✿ Empty, turn off, and seal the refrigerator
- ✿ Defrost the freezer or adjust the freeze setting for transportation
- ✿ Dismantle remaining furniture as much as possible
- ✿ Take children and pets to their temporary stay
- ✿ Label rooms in the new home for the movers
- ✿ Cover windows in the new home or hang curtains
- ✿ Reserve space in front of your home for the moving truck and/or other transport means such as a moving lift.

Day of the move:

- ✿ Load all belongings and packed boxes into the moving truck (or have them loaded)
- ✿ Take meter readings in the old home
- ✿ Carry keys, cash, and important papers separately as "hand luggage"
- ✿ Ensure gas, water, and electricity are turned off before leaving
- ✿ Last walk-through of the old home: did you forget anything?
- ✿ Lock windows and doors
- ✿ If the old home was rented: hand over keys to the caretaker or housing association.
- ✿ Upon arrival at the new home, bring all boxes and furniture to the appropriate room or space as much as possible.
- ✿ Let the fridge and freezer stand for 24 hours before reconnecting
- ✿ Unlock the washing machine drum

After all furniture and boxes are moved to the new home:

- ✿ Report any damage to the moved items to the moving company
- ✿ Place all furniture and belongings in their new locations as much as possible
- ✿ Pick up children and/or pets from their temporary stay

After the move:

- ✿ Check if all mail is being forwarded
- ✿ Check if all subscriptions have been correctly transferred
- ✿ Check if all automatic payments are still running smoothly
- ✿ Check if all important people and agencies have received your change of address
- ✿ Check if all important documents/cards with an address have been updated with the new address

We hope this checklist helps make your move smoother!