



The Complete Moving Checklist

A practical, printable guide from A2B Removals for planning your move, packing with less stress, managing moving day and settling into your new home.

6-8 weeks	4 weeks	2 weeks	Final week	Moving day	After the move
Plan	Organise	Pack	Prepare	Move	Settle in

Start here

If your moving date is not fixed yet, use the checklist in order and adapt the timings to suit your completion date. For busy periods, book your removal company as early as you can.

Your Moving Details

Moving date _____

Current address _____

New address _____

Removal company _____

Contact number _____

Use this checklist alongside your own completion paperwork, tenancy arrangements and service-provider instructions. Keep important documents, keys and contact details together throughout the move.

6-8 Weeks Before Moving Day

Focus on decisions that affect cost, availability and how much you need to move.

- ☐ Confirm your expected moving date, or the likely date range if contracts are still being finalised.
- ☐ Request removal quotations and discuss the collection address, destination, property size, access, volume of belongings and any specialist items.
- ☐ Book your removal company once the date is confirmed. Ask about packing, furniture dismantling, piano moves, storage or part-load options if needed.
- ☐ Create a simple moving budget covering removals, packing materials, storage, cleaning, travel and any overlap between properties.
- ☐ Declutter room by room. Sort items into keep, sell, donate, recycle and dispose categories.
- ☐ Measure large furniture and key access points at the new property, especially doorways, staircases and lifts.
- ☐ Start a folder for contracts, quotes, inventories, insurance documents, meter readings and important contact details.
- ☐ If you need storage between properties, arrange the required space and confirm when items can be moved in.

A2B Removals tip

For a more accurate removal quote, be clear about access, stairs, parking, bulky furniture and anything that may need dismantling. Mention pianos and other heavy or delicate items at the quotation stage.

4 Weeks Before Moving Day

Move from planning into practical preparation and start reducing the number of last-minute jobs.

- ☐ Begin packing items you rarely use, such as books, seasonal clothing, ornaments and spare-room belongings.
- ☐ Label every box with the destination room and a short description of the contents.
- ☐ Keep heavier items in smaller boxes and lighter items in larger boxes to make handling safer and easier.
- ☐ Set aside valuables, passports, medication and irreplaceable documents to travel with you rather than in the removal vehicle.
- ☐ Notify your broadband, TV and other service providers of your move and check any lead times for installation at the new property.
- ☐ Review home insurance and other policies that may need the address or cover dates updating.
- ☐ Arrange time off work, childcare or pet care for moving day where necessary.
- ☐ Use up frozen and perishable food so there is less to transport or discard.

2 Weeks Before Moving Day

This is the point to confirm arrangements, update organisations and pack most non-essential belongings.

- ☐ Confirm the moving date, arrival arrangements and any access or parking information with your removal company.
- ☐ Notify gas, electricity and water providers of your move and ask how final meter readings should be submitted.
- ☐ Update your address with your bank, insurers, employer, pension provider and relevant subscriptions.
- ☐ Update your driving licence and vehicle records with DVLA when appropriate for your move.
- ☐ Tell your GP, dentist and other healthcare providers that you are moving if your contact details or practice will change.
- ☐ Arrange Royal Mail redirection if you want post forwarded from your old address.
- ☐ Pack most remaining non-essential rooms, keeping only everyday items in use.
- ☐ Take photographs of valuable items and, where useful, cable connections before disconnecting electronics.
- ☐ Plan what food, drinks and basic supplies you will need for moving day.

Packing fragile items

Wrap fragile belongings individually, fill empty space inside boxes and avoid placing delicate items beneath heavier contents. Mark boxes clearly so they can be handled appropriately.

Your Address-Change Reminder

☐ Bank and credit cards	☐ Insurance providers
☐ Employer	☐ DVLA and vehicle records
☐ GP and dentist	☐ Schools or childcare
☐ Council and council tax	☐ Utilities
☐ Broadband and TV	☐ Mobile phone provider
☐ Subscriptions	☐ Friends and family

The Final Week

Prepare the property, appliances and essentials so moving day can focus on the move itself.

- ☐ Finish packing and label boxes clearly by room.
- ☐ Create an essentials box or bag that stays with you on moving day.
- ☐ Defrost, empty and clean the freezer in line with the manufacturer's guidance.
- ☐ Disconnect and prepare appliances that you are taking, following the manufacturer's instructions where required.
- ☐ Back up important computers and devices before they are disconnected.
- ☐ Remove fuel or other prohibited substances from equipment that cannot be safely transported.
- ☐ Keep tools, fixings and furniture parts together and label them so reassembly is easier.
- ☐ Confirm key collection and handover arrangements.
- ☐ Charge mobile phones and keep chargers accessible.
- ☐ Prepare cash or cards for parking, food or unexpected travel costs where needed.

Pack an Essentials Box

☐ Phone chargers	☐ Medication
☐ Toiletries	☐ Toilet roll
☐ Tea, coffee and snacks	☐ Kettle and mugs
☐ Basic cleaning supplies	☐ Bin bags
☐ Change of clothes	☐ Important documents
☐ Basic tools	☐ Pet or child essentials

Moving Day

Keep the essentials with you, stay contactable and complete a final check before leaving.

- ☐ Keep keys, documents, valuables, medication and your essentials box with you.
- ☐ Walk the removal team through the property and point out fragile, heavy or specialist items.
- ☐ Check cupboards, wardrobes, lofts, garages, sheds and outdoor areas before leaving.
- ☐ Take final gas, electricity and water meter readings where applicable, and photograph them for your records.
- ☐ Check that windows and doors are secure and that nothing has been left behind.
- ☐ Confirm the agreed key handover process before departing.
- ☐ At the new property, show the removal team where furniture and labelled boxes should go.
- ☐ Check major items as they are unloaded and report any concerns promptly.

After the Move

Prioritise safety, essential services and the rooms you need first. The rest can follow at a manageable pace.

- ☐ Check that water, electricity, heating and essential appliances are working as expected.
- ☐ Take opening meter readings at the new property and submit them to the relevant providers.
- ☐ Locate the stopcock, fuse box or consumer unit and other important property controls.
- ☐ Unpack essential rooms first, usually the kitchen, bathroom and bedrooms.
- ☐ Reassemble important furniture and check that fixings are secure before use.
- ☐ Update any remaining organisations with your new address.
- ☐ Check that your Royal Mail redirection is working if you arranged one.
- ☐ Flatten and recycle packing materials where appropriate, keeping useful boxes for storage.
- ☐ Review any outstanding snagging, cleaning or maintenance tasks at the new property.
- ☐ Keep your moving documents and receipts together until all accounts and services are fully updated.

Make the next move easier

Keep a digital copy of this checklist with your moving documents and return to it whenever you need to check what comes next.

Need Help With Your Move?

A2B Removals provides domestic removals, packing, furniture dismantling and reassembly, piano moves, smaller moves and storage support for customers in High Peak and surrounding areas. For longer-distance moves, provide both postcodes and the main details of your move when requesting a quote.

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This checklist is a practical planning aid. Requirements can vary by property, provider and individual move, so always follow instructions from your solicitor, landlord, utility providers, appliance manufacturers and removal company where applicable.