



Moving House – A Guide

Moving house can be a very stressful time for both yourself and your family. It's a massive upheaval that if not arranged properly could cause you no end of hassles. This guide consists of a series of hints and tips that should help ensure your next move is as hassle-free as possible.

If you do decide to use a removal company then please be sure to check the contract to confirm exactly what their price includes. You should also make sure you are covered during your move by your home insurance. Finding a reliable removal company can also be a difficult task, try contacting the British Association of Removers (W: www.removers.org.uk T: 01923 699480).

Packing Tips

- Try to keep a record of what is in each box and label them accordingly. A simple numbering system should suffice.
- Don't Overfill. It's important to realise that boxes need to be transported, the last thing anyone wants is for an overfilled box to break under the strain.
- It's important that boxes are not under filled as well, this is to avoid them being crushed when heavier boxes are placed on top.
- Start packing two to three weeks in advance with items that you won't immediately need.
- Suitcases are a great way of storing clothing etc.

On The Day

On the day, pack one box with a kettle, tea bags, coffee, milk and snacks. Matches, kitchen roll, can-opener, sharp knife, cutlery, plates, screwdriver, candles, toilet rolls and light bulbs are also a good idea. Keep this box with you, along with important documents, telephone numbers you may need, cash and valuables and of course the keys to your new home!

It's also important to remember to turn off the water, gas meter, boiler and all electric and gas appliances. Make sure you also take final meter readings.

Admin Matters

It's also important that you keep people informed of your move. You can arrange re-direction of all your post via Royal Mail. Prices start at just £6.55 for one month. You can pick up the Moving Home Redirection form by calling into your nearest Post Office. It can also be downloaded from the royal mail website (W: www.royalmail.co.uk).

We've also included a table below of companies and individuals who could be notified about your move.

Bank	Credit Card Providers	Employer
Newsagent	Satellite TV	Car Insurers
TV Licensing	TV Rental	Electricity Company
Doctor	Insurance Broker	Milkman
DHSS	Telephone Provider	Gas Company
Accountant	Dentist	Friends & Family
Inland Revenue	Pension Companies	Optician
Solicitor	Schools	

We hope that the above topics cover the most important areas and that you will use our suggestions as a starting point for your next move.