

Moving House Checklist



Moving house can be stressful but with our moving house checklist, it needn't be. Follow our simple guide; with some forward planning and organisation your move will be hassle free.

Whether you're relocating within the UK, to Europe or half way around the world, we've covered everything you need to know about moving. From redirecting utility bills to moving with pets to foreign visas and all those home essentials you don't want to forget. We've broken the list down into easy sections so you can tick off what's relevant for you.

At F&N Worldwide we are able to take care of everything for you, from packing up your home in custom made crates to organising transport for your possessions and even unpacking it on arrival, we've got it covered.

Take a look at our moving house checklist and you won't forget a thing.



Home

When it comes to packing up your home and preparing for a move there are a number of things to consider for moves in both the UK and abroad.

Essential

- Put your house on the market to sell or rent
- Give the required notice on your rent agreement
- Cancel home insurance and research new policies for your new address
- Arrange surveys for your new home
- Create a folder with essential documents and hard copies of things you may need for your move – important phone numbers, dates, to do lists and policies
- If you are moving abroad and keeping your previous property ensure regular mortgage payments will still be made

Pack

- Request boxes from removals company
- Get rid of unwanted items by either selling them at a car boot or taking them to a charity shop
- Pack boxes – start with items you will use the least before you move and create an inventory so you know what is in each box
- Pack luggage and keep items needed on your journey at the top
- Organise storage for items you won't require immediately when you move

Admin

- Defrost freezer and empty fridge
- Drain lawn mowers, iron and other electrical equipment of any fuel or water
- Remove any fittings and fixtures you are taking with you
- Back up computer and laptop files
- Arrange for a locksmith to attend your property on the day you move if you are required to change the locks
- If you have a floor plan of your new property mark out where you provisionally wish your furniture to go

Money

- Inform local council of your move if required
- Contact local council to check if you are due a Council Tax rebate
- If you are relocating due to a job check if your new employer will cover any costs

If you are moving abroad you may also need to:

- Inform HMRC as you may be entitled to a tax rebate
- Check pension policy
- Transfer bank accounts to foreign accounts if possible
- Organise bank account overseas ready for arrival
- Pick up some of the local currency to ensure you have cash ready for arrival

Visas

- Research visa policies
- Request a visa

Important Documents

- If you're moving abroad you may need marriage or birth certificates when applying for your visa, registering abroad, new home or health practice

Contact

- It may be necessary to contact a number of providers to inform them of your move.
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- It may also be useful set up a redirect address so that any essential mail does not get lost in the post. If you live in the UK you can set up a postal redirect address with Royal Mail.



Here are some providers you may need to contact:

- Bank and Building Society
- Credit card companies
- Council
- TV licensing
- TV provider
- Internet provider
- Utilities
- DVLA
- HMRC
- Insurers
- Mobile phone provider
- Cancel any milk, magazine, newspaper or charity subscriptions

Utilities bills you may have include:

- Gas
- Water
- Electric
- TV License
- TV Provider
- Internet
- Phone
- Mobile

Insurances

Whether you are moving abroad or relocating in your home country you may need to cancel insurance policies you have taken out or inform them of your new address.

Insurance policies you may have include:

- Life
- Home
- Contents
- Building
- Landlord
- Business
- Health
- Accident
- Vehicle
- Pet

Utilities

- Pay off existing utilities bills
- Redirect utilities to new address if relocating in the UK
- Arrange water, gas and electricity readings

Health

- Register with doctor and dental practices
- Locate local hospital in case of emergencies
- Request medical and dental records

If you are moving abroad you may also need to:

- Research healthcare systems
- Check if you require any immunisations

Language

- Pick up a local language book and learn basic phrases
- Find local language class ready for arrival

Children

- Research things to do in your new area, hobbies and parent groups
- Make room plans and decide who's having what room beforehand to avoid arguments
- If you have a long journey ahead pack entertainment and essentials at the top of the case

Education

If you are moving as a family schooling will be one of your top priorities. Whether you are moving within the country or abroad you will need to:

- Request school transfer certificates and other qualification certificates required
- Research schools in new area or country
- Research education system and check for variations
- Order new school uniform

Pets

- Request vaccinations and vet records

If you are moving abroad you may also need to:

- Cancel pet insurance
- Research quarantine guidelines





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