



Britannia Bradshaw Moving Advice Centre

Moving checklist

Two months before you move home

There's so much to do before your move, it can sometimes feel a bit overwhelming

Keeping track of the things you need to do for your move helps to keep moving stress to a minimum

Organise

As soon as you know you're moving, buy a journal or notebook and a box file to keep everything related to your move in one place. In the run up to a move, things can get hectic and sometimes a bit chaotic - having all of your notes, contracts, receipts, contact numbers and plans in one spot helps make sure everything runs like clockwork

Declutter

Now is the time to have a clear out - sort through everything in your home and donate, sell, or dispose of anything you don't need or want in your new home. Having fewer items in your home to move can also impact the cost of your removal, so the sooner you tackle this task, the better

Hidden in storage areas

Don't forget the loft, garage, outbuildings, and the under stairs cupboard - you'd be surprised by how much you've got in these out-of-sight and often out-of-mind spots, much of which you may not wish to bring to your new home



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Plan your new home's layout

Start thinking about your new home and where your belongings will go inside of it - if you have a floor plan for your new home (or if you can gain access to measure up the rooms), this will help you to decide where to place your furniture - you may also find your current furniture won't fit into your new home, or perhaps it is too small for your new home. This also helps with making decisions about what you'll be disposing of, particularly if the furniture won't fit in your new home!

Furnishing your new home

While you're planning where things may be placed in your new home, also think about the things you'll need to furnish your new home, such as lighting, curtains, blinds, etc in addition to larger items such as floor coverings, laminate flooring and carpeting

Give notice

if you're renting, be sure to give your landlord the notice specified in your lease - and make sure it is in writing if you first notify them by phone or in person

Get quotes

Begin to get quotes from removal companies (we offer some advice on [how to choose a removal company](#))



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Broadband & utilities

Begin planning new broadband and television services - can you take your current plan and contract with you, or will you choose another company? Now is the time to start making those decisions and plan for your broadband to be set up as close as possible to your moving date

School, nursery, child care

Notify schools and nursery of your leaving date, and make arrangements for your new schools and nursery or other child care and school clubs as early as you can

Insurance

Check your home and contents insurance - is the contents cover at the right level for your belongings? You may want to compare offerings from various companies to ensure you get the best coverage for your new home and belongings - and be sure to have valuable items assessed for insurance purposes

Awkward or difficult to pack items

Identify anything which might be a bit more difficult to pack or move, needs special protection, or is particularly valuable. Be sure to point these items out to the surveyor who comes to estimate your removal costs



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Start packing

Start packing those things you don't use and won't be using until you move, such as holiday decorations, winter or summer items (depending on when you're moving, of course), or simply sentimental things which you don't use but will not be disposing of

Change of address

Begin to make a list of all of the companies and people you'll need to notify of your change of address - it is longer than you initially think, and just when you think you're done, there always seems to be another one to add to the list