Moving house checklist

Tick as you go. The official jobs show where the rule comes from.

As soon as you have a date

- [ ] Book the removal firm.
- [ ] Tell your gas and electricity supplier you are leaving: give at least 48 hours' notice and a forwarding address for the final bill.
  Source: citizensadvice.org.uk (moving home: your energy supply)
- [ ] Set up mail redirection with Royal Mail.
  Source: royalmail.com/personal/receiving-mail/redirection
- [ ] Find your new council and contact it about Council Tax.
  Source: gov.uk/find-local-council
- [ ] Moving within England? Register with a GP near the new address. You do not need to tell your current surgery.
  Source: nhs.uk (how to register with a GP surgery)

The week before

- [ ] Pack room by room. Label each box with the room it is going to.
- [ ] Pack one box with the kettle, chargers, toiletries and bedding. It goes in the car, not the van.
- [ ] Put passports, jewellery and anything irreplaceable in a bag that travels with you.

Moving out

- [ ] Read the meters on the day, give the readings to your supplier, and keep a note of them and the date.
  Source: citizensadvice.org.uk (moving home: your energy supply)
- [ ] Smart meter? Leave the in-home display for the next people.
  Source: citizensadvice.org.uk (moving home: your energy supply)

Moving in

- [ ] Read the meters on the day and give the readings to the supplier at the new address.
  Source: citizensadvice.org.uk (moving home: your energy supply)
- [ ] Prepayment meter? Contact the supplier before you use a key or card or put money on it.
  Source: citizensadvice.org.uk (moving home: your energy supply)
- [ ] Find the stopcock and the fuse box. Unpack the kettle box.
- [ ] Photograph the front of the new house in daylight. It is the photo a house portrait is made from: ourhouseprint.com/house-illustration

Who to tell in the first weeks

- [ ] DVLA: driving licence, log book (V5C) and vehicle tax Direct Debit. Changing the licence address is free.
  Source: gov.uk/tell-dvla-changed-address
- [ ] Register to vote at the new address.
  Source: gov.uk/register-to-vote
- [ ] TV Licence, if you have one.
  Source: gov.uk/find-licences/tv-licence
- [ ] HMRC.
  Source: gov.uk/tell-hmrc-change-of-details
- [ ] Your bank, employer, school and anyone else who writes to you.