



Your moving checklist

Below is a useful 8-point checklist to help you prepare for a sale.

- ☐ Start packing away items that are not useful every day. You will probably even find bits you can sell or give to charity shops that will help you declutter (and lower your moving costs).
- ☐ Work your way through the food in your cupboards and freezer.
- ☐ Invite three estate agents round to value the property. Do not be won over by cheap fees or high valuations. Ensure you're looking out for a figure based on well-researched evidence and backed up with a comprehensive plan.
- ☐ Hire a solicitor who is specialised in conveyancing for your type of property or area. Professional recommendations are often better than your friends who have had an okay experience. They've only got one point of reference compared to a good estate agent who deals with hundreds of transactions a year. This bird's eye view of the marketplace gives you assurance you'll be dealing with the best firm for your needs.
- ☐ Once you've accepted an offer and agreed a completion date, ask for three recommendations for moving companies. Check the reviews and get them booked for your date. Good people get booked up fast.
- ☐ Set up a post redirect for your property and make sure you tell the utility companies, banks, and insurance providers the change of address. You could even get some pretty notelets and send traditional 'change of address' cards to family and friends.
- ☐ Get prepared with some insurance quotes for your new property (if relevant). Ask them to start the policy from your exchange of contracts date so you're covered immediately.
- ☐ Sort yourself a final night/first morning box with a kettle, cups, coffee, tea, and loo roll. A wash bag and change of clothes are always useful, too. Make sure you've got any necessary paperwork, medicines, wallet, keys, and ID in a separate bag.

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