

**Before the move**

- Confirm the date of your move
- If you're renting, notify your landlord
- Check your home insurance and make sure you have cover in place from the date you move
- Now is a good time to get rid of stuff you don't need – early trips to charity shops and your local tip will save you valuable time and space later
- Compare removal costs if you're not using friends or family to help you move. You may need to order packing boxes. Allow plenty of time for packing; this always takes longer than expected!
- Take fragile items with you so that the removal team don't damage anything
- Pack your essentials for the first night separately. A kettle, some mugs and a toothbrush should be high up on the list
- Label your boxes with which room it is to go to - put screws and bolts into freezer bags and stick them to the item to ensure you don't lose them
- Take meter readings with a date stamped photograph to give to your current supplier(s). Don't forget your water supplier!
- Taking your landline number with you? Contact your provider in advance to make sure you are able to do this
- Does your satellite dish need removing and re-installing? Find out what the procedure, timescale and associated costs are before you move and make the necessary arrangements
- If you have children or pets, arrange for them to be looked after during your move
- Have a final walk around the house and triple check that everything is packed and nothing is left behind. Make sure all windows and doors are locked
- Ensure that any regular deliveries are cancelled such as milk, newspapers, meal planning services
- Make sure you have spoken with the estate agent and your solicitor so that you know the plan for moving day and exactly where you are dropping off your keys and picking up any new keys

**After the move**

- Change your door locks so you have a unique set of keys.
- Take meter readings with date stamped photographs to give to your new or the existing utility supplier(s). Don't forget your water supplier
- Consider taking out central heating boiler cover at your new home – you don't want to incur any surprise costs!
- Now is a good time to search the market for competitive energy suppliers for your new home
- Redirect your post & notify service providers such as your employer, bank, credit card companies, insurance providers, GP, dentist, hospital, DWP, private pension, investment funds and phone company of your change of address
- You will need to update your new address details on documents such as on your passport, TV licence, driving licence and vehicle registration document. Contact the relevant agencies to find out procedures, timescale and associated costs
- Deal with old resident's post – simply mark it 'return to sender' and pop it into the post box
- Request a final Council Tax statement for your previous address
- Register to vote – your credit score is affected if you are not on the electoral roll
- Check to see if you're entitled to free loft & cavity wall insulation
- Once you are settled introduce yourself to the neighbours

**Finally, relax and enjoy your new home!**