



Moving Checklist

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or give us a call on **0121 293 0174**

To do now...



Start the clear out

You don't want to waste time moving stuff that you no longer need or want in your new home, so de-clutter and support a local charity in the process! Here's some great recycling websites below to get you started... **Freecycle, PreLoved & Trash Nothing.**

Top Tip

Start your clear out in the spaces you use the least such as your attic, garage, shed or spare bedrooms. We have specific packing advice on our [website](#).



Get a provisional move day

Your completion day is the date you'll most likely be able to move into your new home which you should get from your estate agent. This can only happen once the entire chain is in place and the exchange dates are set.

Terry's can assess your current home and put together a moving plan free of charge getting you one step closer to the big day. Give us a call to arrange your free quote!

2 months before moving



It's advisable to order your packing materials

If you've received a free quote from us already, we'll have advised you on exactly what you'll need and we'll include this in our quote. Alternatively you can order packing materials from us on our **website's shop**.

Top Tip

We have put together some starter bundles for 2, 3 and 4 bed houses on our website to get you started!

Find storage

You may have items that you need to temporarily store. Terry's can take care of this too! With our trusted partners SafeStore, we ensure the safety of your possessions in transit, delivery and storage. Visit our **Storage page** for more information.

Top Tip

Many home insurance policies don't cover items kept in storage so it's important you check that Safestore's policy is sufficient for your needs. You can always arrange your own insurance.

5-6 weeks before moving

Arrange your free quote & moving plan with us

Now is the time to arrange the big day with your removal company. We work on a first come first served basis as we know from experience that timings can change right up until the last minute.

Pack the non-essential items

At this point its a good idea to get those photo albums, seasonal clothes and other items you're unlikely to miss packed away. Remember to label your boxes clearly to help the move day run as efficiently as possible.

3-4 weeks before moving

Confirm your moving day

You should find out your final completion date around this point. To set the date in stone everyone in the chain must have their legal work completed and their mortgages agreed. As soon as you have a confirmed date, contact the us to solidify your spot.

Contact your broadband provider

Most providers will transfer your broadband contract to your new home, but why not use this time to shop for a better deal in your new area? Whether you switch or stay with your current provider, keep in mind that this process can take some time, so give them 30 days notice if possible so that when the big day is over, you can kick back relax and stream your favourite series on Netflix.

3-4 weeks before moving

Redirect your post

Royal Mail has a **redirection service** that automatically sends post to your new address. You can choose from 3, 6, or 12 months, and prices start at £31.99 per person. Allow at least 5 working days for processing so you don't miss important post.

Cancel subscriptions and/or deliveries

Are you signed up for weekly newspapers or monthly magazines? Cancel or notify them of your new address and also consider window cleaning services, milk deliveries and garden maintenance...

Travelling with pets?

To make the move as comfortable and stress free for your furry friends as possible, consider kennelling or get a friend to take care of them. If they're going to be with you on the move day then put them in a quiet room with their favourite toys and treats. We recommend putting a notice on the door reminding the removal team to avoid making unnecessary noise which might distress them - we're pet lovers too!

The final pack... Fear not!

If the thought of packing all your possessions is too much to bare, fear not Terry's packing team is here! We provide full and part packing services so whatever your needs may be, we can accommodate for them. For more information, see our **Packing and Dismantling page...**

Defrost and empty your fridge-freezer

Empty the contents of your fridge-freezer, switch it off and leave it at least 24 hours to defrost. It allows the gases in the freezer to settle.

Finalise details with us

We'll let you know what time we're planning on arriving and it's always helpful to know of any parking restrictions, tight bends (country lanes for example) or other details worth knowing in advance so we can ensure the big day runs smoothly.

Pack a first-night bag

It's going to be a long day, so the last thing you need is to be hunting for essential items like phone chargers, PJ's, toiletries, towels, tea bags and a well deserved bottle of something to celebrate!

Top Tip

Keep it handy in your car rather than in the lorry with your other possessions.

The big day!

Take meter readings & request final bills

Request final bills from your electricity, gas, water and broadband/media providers. It's always a good idea to take meter readings yourself so you have a record. Taking photos with your phone is quick and easy.

Complete and collect your keys!

Once your mortgage has been paid, along with stamp duty and other legal fees, you're ready to go and you can finally call the property yours! Now you can collect the keys...But remember to find out what time your estate agent branch opens and make alternative arrangements for collection if you're moving on a Sunday to avoid complications.

Complete your Checktrade review

We hope you've had a fantastic experience with us, why not tell everyone how it went? We're proud members of Checktrade and encourage all our customers to give honest feedback.

After the move

Register with doctors/dentist

If you're still in the catchment area this step might not apply but double check! A letter from your solicitor confirming your recent house purchase, plus proof of your old address, is often acceptable as a proof of address.

○ **Change the locks**

Don't risk theft. Take appropriate steps to secure your new home.

○ **Notify a change of address**

Even if you've arranged your post to be redirected, it's important to update everybody who needs to know of your new address well before the service expires, we've included a list below with links where relevant:

Electoral Register, DVLA, HMRC & TV Licence

Water, Council Tax, Car insurance, Breakdown Services, Clubcards Employer

○ **Move items from storage when you're ready**

Let us know when you want to bring items you've stored into your new home. If you've already arranged a collection and delivery with us we'll contact you closer to the time to confirm everything. See our **Storage Solutions** and **Collection & Delivery** pages for more information.

We hope to hear from you soon!

