

# Countdown to Moving Day

For a move to be successful and trouble-free, it has to be planned right down to the last detail. At County Removals Ltd we ensure that your move goes through like a dream. However, there are many things that you can do to help us help you. Our handy checklist covers major areas requiring your attention in the days and weeks leading up to your move.

## Six weeks before your move

- Start de-cluttering. Throw out anything that you have never used. If you pack early then your removal company will have a better idea of how many boxes you have and will give a more accurate price.
- Notify your landlord in writing if you are renting
- Decide on whether you are going to move yourself or use a removal company. If a removal company get at least 3 quotes. Book early so you can get the removal company of your choice.
- Check your home insurance policy to make sure you are covered from the day you move in.

## Four weeks before your move

- If you are packing yourself order and have delivered your packing boxes.
- Book extra storage if required.
- If you have any parking restrictions at either address, contact the local authorities or neighbours to arrange parking permits. A removal van can be large and needs extra space for manoeuvring into position.
- Notify the relevant utility companies of your departure (see our Company Checklist).
- Notify other companies of your new address (see our Company Checklist).

## Two weeks before your move

- Have your car(s) serviced, especially if you are moving long distance.
- Arrange for someone to look after children and pets if possible.
- If you are moving long distance and need a hotel for the night book early especially in the summer months.
- Deregister from your doctor. You don't need to tell your GP you are moving but it will help in terms of administration and transferring your records.
- Notify your newspaper and milkman that you will be moving and arrange a date for the service to stop.
- Start running down freezer foods.

## One week before your move

- Confirm arrival time and final arrangements with your removal company including directions or postcode of your new property and any access issues
- Arrange for the professional disconnection of gas cookers, washing machines or any other appliances you are taking with you.
- Start dismantling any flat pack furniture
- Contact locksmiths and arrange them to fit new locks to your new property

## 3 days before your move

- Do any last minute laundry
- Label any spare and leave where they will be seen on moving day.
- Make up a box of refreshments and essential items for your first few days –with toilet roll, light bulbs, tea making equipment, scissors, toiletries, pen and paper, torch, first aid kit, a few pieces of basic cutlery, crockery, corkscrew and of course a bottle of champagne! (See our 'Handy Box' Checklist)

## 2 days before your move

- Defrost and dry out your fridge / freezer.
- Pack valuables and documents (e.g. passports, jewellery ) and put them in a safe place. Do not pack these in a box but keep with you for easy access.
- Make a list of contact details i.e. Solicitors, Estate Agent, and Mortgage Broker
- Confirm with your estate agents or landlord when you will be getting the keys to your new property.

## 1 Day before your move

- All packing should be done apart from essentials items in the kitchen and bathroom. Don't forget to leave out the kettle and tea making items including bedding to sleep on for the 1st night.
- Charge your mobile phone.
- Do a final check of everything so that nothing is left behind

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- Welcome your removal team and show them all items that are going and anything that is staying.
- Drop the children off or organise a corner of the lounge with some of their toys and a few treats. Older children may want specific tasks.
- Do a final clean of the house
- Make a note of all meters readings
- Do a final walk round of property including garage and garden.
- Lock all windows and doors and leave any information which may be useful to the new occupier e.g. where are. the stopcock, electric / gas meter, fuse box etc.

## At your new home

- Make sure all services - electricity, water and gas are working.
- Aim to be there when your removal team arrives so you can show them where you would like items and boxes to go.
- Make sure your locksmith arrives to change the locks
- When your removal team have finished. Check the inside of the van thoroughly; it is your responsibility to make sure all of your belongings are removed.
- Don't try and unpack everything today.
- Order in a takeaway, enjoy a glass of champagne and relax