

You've signed your contract and got your move-in date

What's next?

2 WEEKS TO GO...



Notify your gas or electricity supplier of your moving date and **research potential suppliers** for your new home, to check you're getting the best deal.

1 WEEK TO GO...



Redirect your mail. Easy to do through the Royal Mail site - but it can take up to 5 days to take effect so it's best to plan in advance.



Do you drive? Get a temporary parking permit at your new address to tide you over until you have a full resident's permit, if necessary.



Protect your belongings. Contents insurance can cover your belongings if they get damaged, stolen or lost. You'll need to work out how much your things are worth, highlighting any high-value items. Liability insurance will also protect you for any damage you (or your friends) make to the property: something worth considering.



Find broadband and media deals. Why not make the most of this fresh start to look for fast WiFi and a wider choice of TV channels?



Book a van or removal company. As soon as you know your move-in date, get it booked - as well as the extra muscle if needed - and consider insurance for your belongings in transit.

Next up: **planning the big day**

MOVE-IN DAY...



Pack an overnight bag and keep it in sight so you have your toothbrush and phone charger to hand.



Note down your **gas, electricity and water meter readings** from your old and new properties and let your suppliers know the readings, for **setting up your utilities** without overpaying. If you're moving into a property with a pre-pay card or key for energy, make sure you get a new card for your account so you pay the right amount.



Update your address for council tax. Just head over to your local council's website to find the relevant form to complete.



Head out to **meet your neighbours**: the friendliest way to find out when bin day is!

...AND POST MOVE IN



Do you drive: part 2. Avoid a hefty fine from the DVLA by changing the address on your driver's licence online.



You'll need to inform your bank, doctor's surgery, HR department at work, credit card companies, and any memberships you may have of your **new address**.



Find your local **recycling centre and tips**.



Look for offers for **cleaning services or meal-kit deliveries**. You can save money and hassle in just a few clicks with time-saving options.

Now, put your feet up, plan your housewarming and enjoy your new home