

The Ultimate Moving Home Checklist (2026)

Print this checklist and tick off each task as you go.

Phase 1: 1–2 Months Before Moving Day

<input type="checkbox"/>	Declutter and donate/sell unwanted items
<input type="checkbox"/>	Book a BAR-registered removals company (get 3 quotes)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ask about packing services/materials
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arrange parking permits if required
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check home insurance covers goods in transit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Order broadband / transfer existing package

Phase 2: 2–4 Weeks Before the Move

<input type="checkbox"/>	Start packing non-essential rooms
<input type="checkbox"/>	Label boxes with room + contents
<input type="checkbox"/>	Color-code boxes by room
<input type="checkbox"/>	Set up Royal Mail redirection
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notify local council (Council Tax)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Update DVLA (licence & V5C)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Update banks and credit cards
<input type="checkbox"/>	Re-register on electoral roll
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notify GP, dentist, optician
<input type="checkbox"/>	Update employer / HR records

Phase 3: 1 Week Before Moving

<input type="checkbox"/>	Pack essentials box (kettle, mugs, toiletries)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pack phone chargers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepare important documents
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pack clean bed linen

	Pack basic tools
	Prepare basic cleaning supplies
	Empty and defrost fridge/freezer
	Notify gas & electricity suppliers (48 hrs prior)

Phase 4: Moving Day

	Take final gas/electricity/water meter readings (photos)
	Do a final walkthrough of old property
	Lock windows, turn off lights/heating
	Read meters at the new property (photos)
	Locate stopcock and fuse box
	Check electricity, gas, and water are working

Phase 5: After the Move

	Change exterior locks
	Test smoke alarms
	Test carbon monoxide alarms
	Compare energy suppliers and switch to a better deal

Special Considerations for London Movers

	Apply for parking suspension permits (10–14 days ahead)
	Plan for TfL Red Route restrictions
	Check ULEZ and Congestion Charge compliance
	Plan access for narrow streets / stairwells
	Arrange short-term storage if move-in dates don't align