

TENANT MOVING IN GUIDE



YOUR MOVING!

After securing your new property its now time to start getting ready for your move!

This guide will give you some useful info on how to get moved as stress free as possible.

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PACKING AND REMOVALS GUIDE

PACKING AND REMOVALS

1. When to Start Looking for a Removals Company

- Start Early: Look for a removals company 4-6 weeks before your move.
- Why Early?: Book early to secure your date, compare prices, and accommodate special needs.
- Valuables: Removals companies often don't cover valuables (jewelry, cash). Arrange secure transport for these yourself.
- Heavy/Bulky Items: Notify the company about heavy or large items to avoid delays on moving day.
- Key Collection: Confirm when you can collect keys and inform the removals company to coordinate timing.

2. Packing Guide

- Start Early: Begin packing well in advance to stay organized.
- Declutter First: Decide what to keep, donate, or discard before packing.
- Gather Supplies: Sturdy boxes, tape, bubble wrap, and markers are essential.
- Pack Room by Room: Label boxes with contents and destination rooms.
- Essentials Box: Pack essentials like toiletries and important documents separately.
- Packing Techniques:
 - Heavy items in small boxes; light items in large boxes.
 - Wrap fragile items and mark boxes as "FRAGILE."
- Special Items:
 - Electronics: Use original packaging if possible.
 - Artwork/Mirrors: Wrap and transport upright.
 - Furniture: Disassemble and label small parts.

MOVING WITH PETS

3. Transporting Pets

- Plan Ahead: Update pet microchip and tags with your new address.
- Vet Visit: Schedule a check-up and ask for moving advice.
- Acclimate Pets: Get pets used to their carrier weeks before the move.
- On Moving Day:
 - Keep pets in a quiet room or with a friend.
 - For car travel, secure the carrier and take breaks.
 - For air travel, check airline pet policies and prepare the carrier accordingly.
- Settling In:
 - Introduce pets gradually to the new home.
 - Maintain their routine for comfort.
 - Surround pets with familiar items like their bed and toys.



WHO TO NOTIFY OF YOUR MOVE

We recommend setting up a royal mail redirection service for the first 3-6 months to allow for if you miss any suppliers or services

1. Utilities and Services

- Electricity and Gas Provider
- Water Supplier
- Internet and Broadband Provider
- Telephone and Mobile Phone Provider
- TV Licensing
- Council Tax Office

2. Financial Institutions

- Bank or Building Society
- Credit Card Companies
- Loan Providers
- Pension Providers
- Investment Companies
- Insurance Providers (Home, Car, Life, Health)

3. Government and Official Bodies

- DVLA (Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency): Update your driving license and vehicle registration.
- HMRC (Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs): Notify for tax purposes.
- Electoral Register: Update your address for voting purposes.
- Local Council: For council tax and any local services.
- Department for Work and Pensions (DWP): If you receive any benefits or state pension.
- Passport Office (if you wish to update your address on your passport).

4. Subscriptions and Memberships

- Gym or Fitness Club
- Magazine or Newspaper Subscriptions
- Online Services (e.g., Netflix, Amazon Prime)
- Professional Associations or Unions
- Charity Donations or Memberships

5. Healthcare Providers

- GP (General Practitioner)
- Dentist
- Optician
- Veterinary Surgery (if you have pets)

6. Schools and Educational Institutions

- Child's School or Nursery
- College or University (if you are a student)

7. Insurance Providers

- Home Insurance
- Car Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Health Insurance
- Pet Insurance

8. Employer and Payroll

- Your Employer's HR Department
- Pension Scheme Provider

9. Local Services

- Cleaner or Gardener
- Milk Delivery Service
- Regular Delivery Services (e.g., newspapers, groceries)

GETTING SETTLED IN

1. Explore Your New Area

- **Walk or Drive Around:** Take a few days to explore your new neighborhood.
- **Find Local Essentials:** Locate the nearest grocery stores, pharmacies, petrol stations, and other essential services.

2. Meet Your Neighbours

- **Introduce Yourself:** A simple knock on the door to introduce yourself can go a long way in building good relationships with your neighbors.
- **Attend Local Events:** Community events like fairs, markets, or neighborhood gatherings are great opportunities to meet people.
- **Join Local Groups:** Many areas have community groups, whether it's for gardening, book clubs, or sports teams. Check notice boards in local shops or community centers.

3. Discover Local Events and Activities

- **Websites to Use:**
 - **Eventbrite:** Find local events, workshops, and social gatherings.
 - **Meetup:** Join groups of people with similar interests and discover local events.
 - **Facebook Local:** Check out events happening nearby through Facebook.
 - **Time Out:** Explore recommendations for restaurants, bars, and things to do in major UK cities.
 - **DogFriendly:** Find dog-friendly walks, parks, and pubs in your area.

4. Explore Dog Walks and Outdoor Activities

- **Plan Your Walks:** Use apps like [AllTrails](#) or [Komoot](#) to find popular walking routes, hiking trails, and nature reserves nearby.

5. Get to Know Your Bin Day and Local Services

- **Check with Your Local Council:** Visit your council's website to find out your bin collection day, recycling schedules, and any other local services.
- **Sign Up for Alerts:** Many councils offer email or text alerts for bin collection reminders or other local updates.

6. Settle into Your Home

- **Unpack Essentials First:** Start with the most important rooms like the kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom to make your home functional quickly.
- **Plan a Housewarming:** Invite friends or new neighbors over for a small gathering to make your new space feel more lived-in.

7. Stay Informed About Your Community

- **Subscribe to Local News:** Sign up for newsletters or follow social media pages for local news, events, and updates.
- **Get Involved:** Volunteer for community projects or join the neighborhood watch. It's a great way to contribute and get to know your area better.

TENANCY BASICS



1. Reporting Maintenance Effectively

- **Report Promptly:** Notify your landlord or property manager as soon as you notice a maintenance issue. Delays can worsen problems and lead to higher repair costs.
- **Provide Details:** When reporting an issue, be specific about the problem and its location. Include photos if possible to help the landlord or agent assess the situation.
- **Use the Correct Channels:** Report issues according to your tenancy agreement, whether it's through an online portal, email, or phone.

2. Tenant Responsibilities

- **Pay Rent on Time:** Ensure rent is paid by the due date specified in your tenancy agreement. Late payments can result in penalties or legal action.
- **Keep the Property Clean:** Maintain cleanliness and take care of the property. Regularly clean and perform minor tasks to prevent damage.
- **Report Issues:** Inform the landlord or property manager of any maintenance issues or repairs needed.
- **Respect Neighbors:** Follow local noise regulations and be considerate of your neighbors.
- **Ensure Safety:** Check smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and any other safety equipment to ensure they are functional.
- **Follow the Terms:** Abide by the terms set out in your tenancy agreement, including any restrictions on alterations or subletting.

