

UK Moving Home Checklist

Key Timeframes

✓ 4–6 Weeks Before Moving

✓ 2–3 Weeks Before Moving

✓ 1 Week Before Moving

✓ Moving Day

✓ After Moving In

Living Room

Proof of identity	Best Time	Done
Declutter books, DVDs, ornaments	4–6 weeks before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sell or donate unwanted furniture	4–6 weeks before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pack electronics (label cables!)	2–3 weeks before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Remove wall hangings, wrap carefully	2–3 weeks before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dismantle any flat-pack furniture	1 week before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check TV license address is updated	1 week before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cover sofas & fragile items	Moving day	<input type="checkbox"/>

Kitchen

Proof of identity	Best Time	Done
Use up frozen food	2–3 weeks before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pack non-essentials (bakeware, extras)	2–3 weeks before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deep clean appliances	1 week before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dispose of cleaning chemicals safely	1 week before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pack everyday items last (plates, kettle)	1–2 days before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arrange grocery delivery for new address	1–2 days before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Defrost freezer	24–48 hrs before	<input type="checkbox"/>

Bedroom(s)

Proof of identity	Best Time	Done
Sort clothes & donate extras	4–6 weeks before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pack off-season clothing first	2–3 weeks before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Label boxes by person/room	1 week before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dismantle beds and pack linens	1 day before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prepare overnight bag with essentials	1 day before	<input type="checkbox"/>

Bathroom(s)

Proof of identity	Best Time	Done
Use up toiletries & bin expired ones	3–4 weeks before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deep clean tiles, grout, toilet	1 week before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pack daily essentials separately	1–2 days before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disconnect washing machine (if moving)	1–2 days before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keep loo roll, towels handy	Moving day	<input type="checkbox"/>

Storage & Utility

Proof of identity	Best Time	Done
Clear out attic, garage, shed	4–6 weeks before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dispose of hazardous items (paint, oils)	3 weeks before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Return borrowed tools/items	2–3 weeks before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Label boxes by type: “Seasonal”, “Tools”, etc.	2–3 weeks before	<input type="checkbox"/>

General Housewide

Proof of identity	Best Time	Done
Book a moving van or service	3–4 weeks before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notify Council Tax / utilities / broadband	2–3 weeks before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Redirect post (Royal Mail)	2 weeks before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Take meter readings (old & new)	Moving day	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check smoke alarms in new home	After moving in	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clean old property or hire cleaners	1 day after move	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pets

Proof of identity	Best Time	Done
Find a vet near the new home	2–3 weeks before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Update pet microchip with new address	1–2 weeks before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arrange transport for pet on moving day	1 week before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pack a pet essentials bag (food, toys, meds)	1–2 days before	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keep pet in a quiet room on moving day	Moving day	<input type="checkbox"/>
Settle pet in a safe space at new home	After moving in	<input type="checkbox"/>