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Moving Home: Eight-Week Planner

A practical checklist for the final stretch.

Eight to six weeks before

Get removal estimates, assess storage needs and begin sorting possessions. Keep passports, deeds, medication, keys, children’s essentials and irreplaceable items in a personal essentials box.

Five to three weeks before

Make an inventory, arrange packing supplies, check parking and access for removal vehicles, and plan pets and childcare. Prepare a list of utilities and service providers.

Two weeks before

Confirm proposed handover arrangements with your conveyancer and agent. Redirect post if required, update important contacts and check insurance arrangements. Do not assume the date is final before exchange.

Moving week

Take meter readings and photographs, label boxes, check the condition of the property against the contract and arrange for key collection or handover as agreed.

First week in the new home

Locate stopcock, consumer unit and heating controls, test alarms, register with relevant local services and report defects or missing items promptly to the right professional.

FIVE QUESTIONS TO ASK

☐ Have we exchanged contracts?

☐ Who has the keys and at what time?

☐ Are utilities and insurance arranged?

☐ Can the removers access both properties?

☐ Where are essential documents kept?

COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

- Booking irreversible services before exchange
- Forgetting meter readings
- Leaving valuables in the removal lorry

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