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# MOVING HOUSE GUIDE

MOVING HOUSE IN NORTHERN IRELAND?  
HERE'S YOUR ULTIMATE GUIDE!



## **STEP 1: CONFIRM YOUR MOVING DATE**

First things first—get your moving date locked in. Once you know when the big day is, you can start making arrangements.

Check with your estate agent, landlord, or solicitor to confirm the key handover process. While you're at it, ask the current owners or landlord a few important questions:

- Where are the gas and electricity meters?
- Where's the stopcock to turn off the water?
- What day are the bins collected?
- What's the paint colour on the walls (in case you need touch-ups)?
- Are there any instruction manuals or warranties for appliances?
- Who supplies the energy, broadband, and landline services?
- Where's the thermostat?

## STEP 2: HAND IN YOUR NOTICE (IF RENTING)

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If you're renting, it's time to officially let your landlord know you're leaving. Check your tenancy agreement to see how much notice you need to give—typically one or two months if you've been there for over a year.

If you're in a fixed-term contract, check if there's a break clause.

If there isn't, ask your landlord if they'd be open to ending the tenancy early.

Give notice in writing and chat with them to keep things smooth.



## **STEP 3: NOTIFY UTILITY PROVIDERS**

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Don't leave this to the last minute! Let your electricity, gas, broadband, and phone providers know you're moving so you're not left without essential services at your new home.

Have these details handy:

- Your moving-out date
- Final meter reading (if on a bill pay meter)
- Your new address
- Meter Point Reference Number (MPRN) or Keypad Premise Number (KPRN) for the new property
- Moving-in date
- Opening meter reading at your new home
- For other providers, check their websites for how to transfer or close accounts

## **STEP 4: NOTIFY OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS**

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There are loads of people who need to know you're moving! Here's a handy checklist:

- **Government:** Local council (for rates), DVLA (for your driving licence), HMRC (for tax), TV Licensing, and the Electoral Office.
- **Financial:** Banks, credit card companies, store loyalty schemes, and pension providers.
- **Insurance:** Home, car, pet, health, and life insurance.
- **Healthcare:** GP, dentist, optician, and any other healthcare providers.
- **Work & Education:** Employer, pension fund, professional bodies, schools, and colleges.
- **Post:** Set up a Royal Mail redirection to catch any post sent to your old address.

## **STEP 5: DECLUTTER BEFORE YOU PACK**

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Moving is the perfect excuse for a clear-out! Get rid of things you no longer need before you start packing.

- Donate to charity shops and clothing banks.
- Sell on eBay, Gumtree, Facebook Marketplace, or Vinted.
- Offer to friends & family if they might want something.
- Recycle responsibly at your local centre for anything that can't be reused.



## **STEP 6: ORGANISE YOUR REMOVAL PLANS**

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Decide whether you'll hire a removal company or do it yourself with help from friends and family.

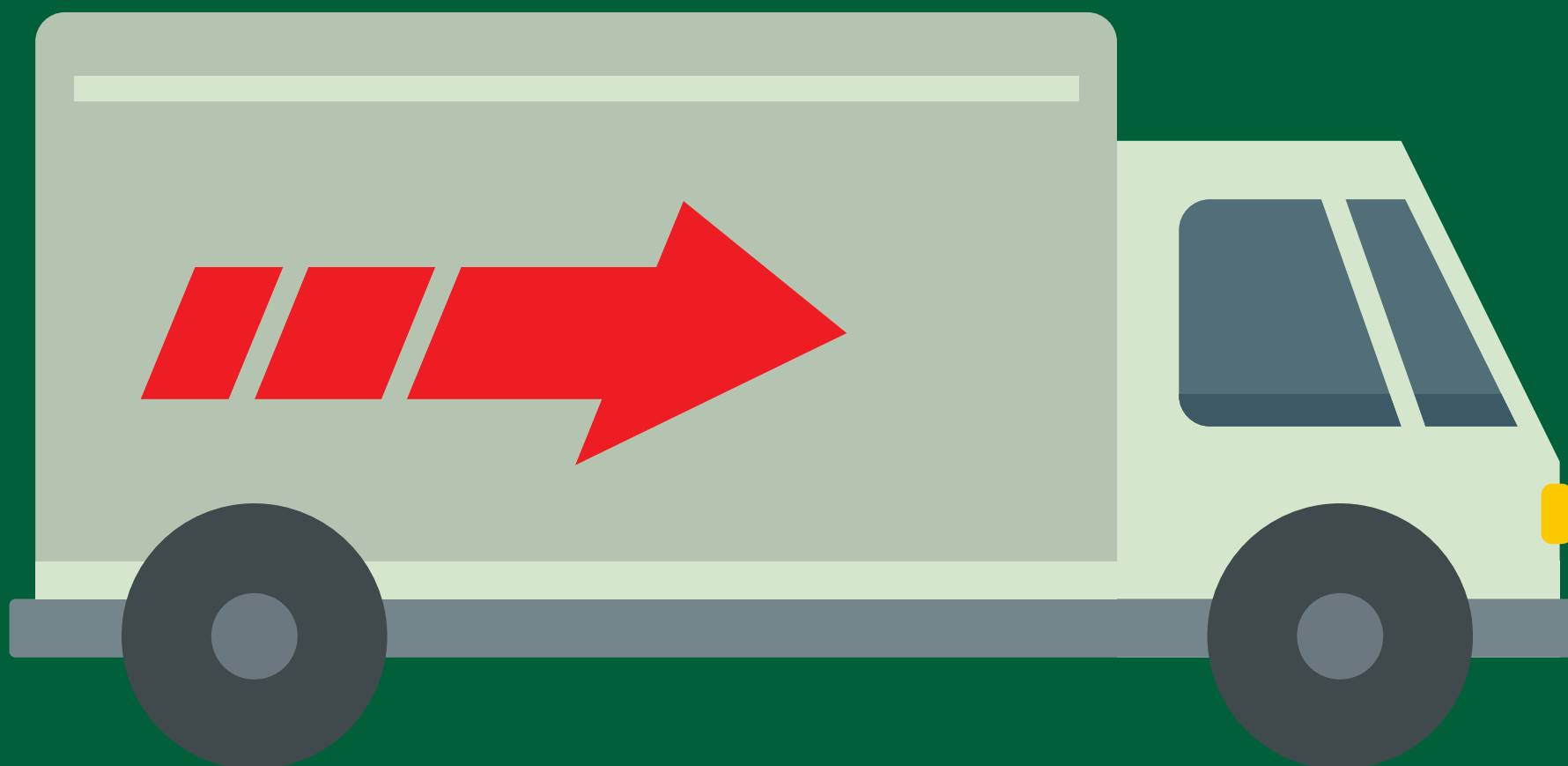
Compare removal company quotes and check reviews.

Arrange help from friends and family.

Sort childcare or pet care for the day.

Plan your driving route (especially for long-distance moves).

Book time off work if needed.



## **STEP 7: START PACKING**

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A month before moving day, start packing up things you don't use daily.

Gather boxes, bubble wrap, tape, and labels.

Pack room by room, clearly labelling boxes.

Start with seasonal and rarely used items.

Leave essentials (plates, cups, toiletries, phone chargers) for last.

## **STEP 8: PAY FINAL BILLS & CONFIRM PLANS**

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In the last few days before the move:

Take a final meter reading and submit it to your energy provider.

Confirm arrangements with the removal company.

Make sure broadband is sorted for your new home.



## **STEP 9: PACK AN ESSENTIALS BOX**

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Pack a separate box with must-haves for the first night in your new home:

- Toiletries (soap, toilet roll, toothbrushes, toothpaste)
- Basic food & drinks (tea bags, milk, bread, butter)
- Kitchen items (kettle, toaster, mugs, cutlery)
- Bedding, nightwear, and towels
- Clothes for the next day
- Cleaning supplies (surface cleaner, bin bags, rubber gloves, torch, light bulbs)

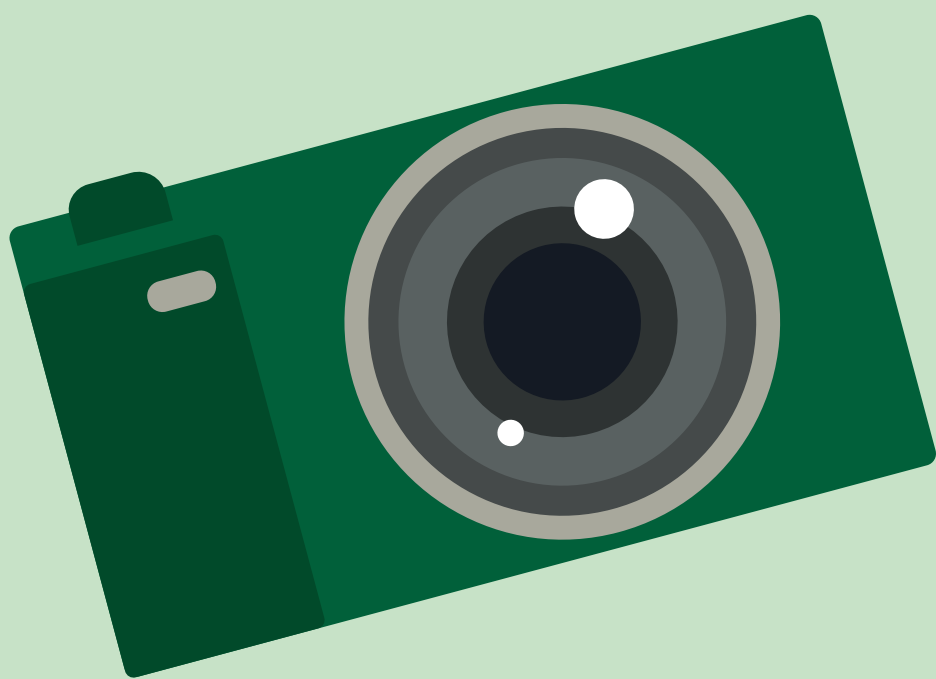


## STEP 10: FINAL WALKTHROUGH (& GOODBYES!)

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Before you leave, do one last check:

- Check every room, including the loft and storage spaces.
- Pack final items like curtains and bedding.
- Clean the house and defrost the freezer.
- Take photos of the property (especially if renting).
- Leave behind the keypad meter top-up card if you have one.



## **STEP 11: MOVING DAY!**

It's here! Stay organised and take it step by step:

Lock up and drop off old keys, then collect your new ones.

Take a meter reading at your new place.

Give everything a quick clean before unpacking.

Unpack essentials first, then move onto the kitchen and bedrooms.

Assemble furniture and get the house feeling like home!



## **STEP 12: FINAL TOUCHES AFTER THE MOVE**

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You're in! But there are still a few things left to do:

- Keep unpacking and arranging furniture.
- Change the locks for extra security.
- Check if you need any new appliances or furniture.
- Make your home more energy-efficient with our energy-saving tips.



## FINAL THOUGHTS

Moving house might seem overwhelming, but with a little planning, it doesn't have to be stressful. Follow this guide, stay organised, and before you know it, you'll be settled in and enjoying your new home. Best of luck with the move!

