ALBA REMOVALS

Your moving house checklist

Tick it off week by week, from booking the date to your first night in. Questions? Call Alba Removals on 07401 483952.

8 WEEKS BEFORE

- [ ] Fix your moving date with your solicitor or letting agent, and ask what time the keys will be released.
- [ ] Get removal quotes and book your removal as early as you can.
- [ ] Check your buildings and contents insurance: what needs setting up or moving over, so there's no gap in cover.
- [ ] Book a professional clean for the old or new place, if you need one.
- [ ] Clear out: sell, donate or bin anything you don't want to pay to move.
- [ ] Measure big furniture and check it fits through the doors and stairs at the new place.

4 WEEKS BEFORE

- [ ] Tell your landlord or lender, the council (council tax, which includes water in Scotland), TV Licensing and your energy firms your moving date.
- [ ] Set up contents insurance to start on moving day, so your things are covered during the move.
- [ ] Check the appliances at the new place work, or ask the seller or letting agent.
- [ ] Book the day off work.
- [ ] Get boxes, tape and marker pens, or ask Alba Removals about packing.
- [ ] Start packing the rooms you use least: loft, spare room, garage, shed.
- [ ] Sort childcare and pet care for moving day.

2 WEEKS BEFORE

- [ ] Check parking at both addresses: can a removal van stop outside? Ask the council if you need a parking suspension.
- [ ] Arrange for your broadband and phone line to move with you or be cut off, so you're not left without internet.
- [ ] Set up a Royal Mail redirection for your post.
- [ ] Update your address with your bank, employer, pension provider, GP, dentist, DVLA, insurers and subscriptions.
- [ ] Start using up the freezer.

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1 WEEK BEFORE

- [ ] Go over the final plan with your removal firm: times, both addresses, access, and anything heavy, fragile or valuable.
- [ ] Label every box with the room it's going to and what's inside.
- [ ] Pack an essentials bag to keep with you on the day: important papers, spare keys, valuables, medicines and chargers.
- [ ] Pack a first-night box: kettle, mugs, tea, toilet roll, bedding and a change of clothes.
- [ ] Take down curtains, pictures and shelves you're taking with you.

THE DAY BEFORE

- [ ] Defrost and dry the fridge freezer.
- [ ] Take apart any furniture that needs it, or check your removal crew will do it.
- [ ] Charge your phone.
- [ ] Check again what time the keys will be released.

MOVING DAY

- [ ] Photograph every room at the old and new place, for your deposit and handover records.
- [ ] Take final gas and electric meter readings at both addresses, with photos, so your last bills are right.
- [ ] Tell the crew which room each box and big item goes in.
- [ ] Before you leave, check every cupboard, the loft, the garden and the shed.
- [ ] Hand over the old keys as agreed.

AFTER THE MOVE

- [ ] Test the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- [ ] Find the stopcock, fuse box and gas isolation valve, in case of an emergency.
- [ ] Register with a new GP and dentist if you need to.
- [ ] Update the electoral register.
- [ ] Check your post is arriving through the redirection.
- [ ] Send your new address to friends and family.

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