

Moving Home checklist & tips

Thinking about moving and marketing your property	1. Speak to Imperial Financial about a mortgage – Finding out how much you can borrow for your new home.	
	2. Begin house hunting.	
	3. Make sure your own property is clean and tidy – you might even want to get professional cleaners in.	
	4. If necessary re-decorate in neutral colours	
	5. Kitchens and bathrooms sell houses – focus on these two rooms	
	6. Get the agent to show them round, leave them to browse	
	7. Collate any guarantees, building certificates, surveys and service documents (ie. Boilers, Roof, Cooker, Building work)	
	8. Calculate your moving costs	
Preparing to move	1. Get rid of things you don't need. Moving things you don't need any more is just costly and wasteful.	
	2. Compare removal costs	
	3. Re-direct your post	
	4. Get yourself some boxes for packing.	
	5. Make arrangements for pets	
	6. Defrost fridge freezer	
	7. Put screws and bolts from bits of furniture in freezer bags and stick it to the relevant bit of furniture with masking tape.	
	8. Label all boxes with which room they're due to go to, and a description of what's inside. You might like to keep personal and high value possessions to hand i.e. passports, jewellery	
Questions to ask the seller before moving in	9. Contact your removal team to confirm all details	
	1. Where's the main stopcock?	
	2. Have we got all the keys and which keys are for which door?	
	3. Where are the gas and electricity meters?	
	4. Do any surfaces need special cleaning products, eg wooden floors?	
	5. What day are the bins collected?	
	6. Do you have any old tins of paint in the same colour as the walls?	
	7. Do you have any instruction manuals or warranties on electrical items?	
	8. Where did the kitchen and bathroom tiles come from?	
	9. Where does the fixed furniture come from, eg, kitchen cabinets?	
	10. Which company supplies the energy, broadband and home phone?	
Moving in day	11. Where is the thermostat?	
	1. Organise your removal team to ensure everyone is clear about what needs to go and where.	
	2. Complete a final tour of the house and garden to make sure you haven't left anything behind and that all windows and doors are locked	
	3. Note all meter readings in your old and new property	
	4. Leave a note and key information for the new occupier.	
	5. Check in with and thank your removal team to ensure everything that should have been moved has been!	
Once you're in	6. Make sure all the services in your new home are working.	
	1. Enjoy!	
	2. Make sure you've notified all of your service companies and other organisations about change of address (see checklist below)	



Service company and other organisations checklist

Financial	Services	Motor	Health	Other
Bank or Building Society	Electoral Register	Vehicle Registration- DVLA	Doctor	Subscriptions
Buildings & Contents Insurance	Council Tax	Vehicle Insurance	Dentist	School/Colleges/Nursery
Inland Revenue	Water	Driving License - DVLA	Optician	Library
Credit Cards	Electricity	Breakdown Services	Private Healthcare	Deliveries
Rental/Hire Purchase	Gas	Other	National Blood Bank	Clubs/Associations
Pensions	Telephone Land Line		Other	Newspapers
Savings/Bonds	Mobile			Other
Life Policies	Cable/Satellite/ Internet			
Employer - Payroll	Post Office – Redirection			
Catalogue Companies	Clubcards			
National Insurance	Other			
Social Security				
Other				