
the flat on Mill Street, Leeds to the house in Bristol

MOVING DAY

Sat 28 Nov 2026

29 days to go

90 tasks, 13 done

Plan printed Fri 30 Oct 2026

What this plan is: every task of the move on the day it belongs to, counted back from moving day. Tick a box when a task is done.
What it is not: legal or financial advice, and not a place for account numbers or passwords.

Catch up now

Sat 3 Oct 2026 to Thu 29 Oct 2026

These tasks belonged to days that have already passed. Do them as soon as you can; nothing here is skipped for you.

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- ☐ **was due 3 Oct** **Set up Ashgrove Primary School**
School or nursery: set up new at the new address. Place confirmed in writing; start date the Monday after the move.
 - ☐ **was due 19 Oct** **Gather important documents in one envelope**
Passports, birth certificates, contracts, car papers, medical records. This envelope travels with you, never in the van.
 - ☐ **was due 19 Oct** **Photograph valuable and fragile items**
A simple inventory with photos before anything is packed. Useful for insurance and for the movers.
 - ☐ **was due 19 Oct** **Ask the vet for records and find a vet near the new home**
Vaccination records, any prescriptions and the microchip details go with the pet.
 - ☐ **was due 21 Oct** **Check what the move changes for your car**
Registration, licence address, parking permits and insurance may all need updating. Note the deadlines.
 - ☐ **was due 21 Oct** **Find a doctor and dentist near the new home**
Ask how to register and how records are transferred. Collect repeat prescriptions before the move.
 - ☐ **was due 24 Oct** **Set up a labelling system**
Room name plus a number on every box, and a list of what is in each number. Mark fragile boxes on two sides.
 - ☐ **was due 24 Oct** **Start packing what you rarely use**
Books, out-of-season clothes, decorations, the spare room. Write the destination room on every box.
 - ☐ **was due 27 Oct** **List every company and office that has your address**
Utilities, bank, insurer, employer, subscriptions, clubs, the tax office. Add each one under "Who to tell" and the planner dates it.
 - ☐ **was due 29 Oct** **Book internet and phone for the new address**
Installation slots fill up. Ask for a date on or before moving day.
 - ☐ **was due 29 Oct** **Arrange electricity, gas and water at the new home**
Ask who supplies the property now, from which date you take over and whether meters are read at handover.
 - ☐ **was due 29 Oct** **Give notice to Leeds Leisure gym**
Gym, club or membership: cancel or give notice. One month's notice.
 - ☐ **was due 29 Oct** **Give notice to The veg box**
Subscription or delivery box: cancel or give notice.

8 weeks before

Sat 3 Oct 2026 to Fri 9 Oct 2026

Decisions and bookings. Everything booked now is cheaper and calmer than everything booked later.

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| ☒ 3 Oct | Set a moving budget
Write down what you can spend on movers or a van, packing materials, deposits and the first weeks in the new place. |
| ☒ 3 Oct | Start a moving folder
One place, paper or digital, for quotes, contracts, receipts and this plan. It stays with you on moving day, never in a box. |
| ☒ 3 Oct | Give notice to your landlord
Check the notice period in your tenancy agreement and give notice in writing. Ask how and when the deposit comes back. |
| ☒ 3 Oct | Get quotes from at least three movers
Ask for a visit or a video survey, a written quote, what insurance covers and what happens if the date slips. |
| ☒ 3 Oct | Contact the new school or nursery
Ask what paperwork they need, when the term starts and whether the place is confirmed in writing. |
| ☒ 7 Oct | Tell your employer the moving date
Book the days off you need and ask whether any help with relocation costs is available. |
| ☒ 9 Oct | Decide what will not move with you
Go room by room. Sell, give away or recycle what you will not use in the new place. Fewer boxes, cheaper move. |

6 weeks before

Sat 17 Oct 2026

Confirm the people who will help and gather what the new place needs from you.

- ☒ **17 Oct** **Book the movers and get the confirmation in writing**
Date, arrival time, price, insurance and cancellation terms, all on paper or by email.
- ☒ **17 Oct** **Measure the new place**
Doorways, stairs and the rooms. Decide what furniture fits and what stays behind.
- ☒ **17 Oct** **Give notice to Oakfield Primary School**
School or nursery: cancel or give notice. Leaving date agreed; records to go to the new school.
- ☒ **17 Oct** **Ask the current school for records and a leaving date**
Reports and health records travel with the child; ask what the new school expects to receive.
- ☒ **17 Oct** **Order packing materials**
Boxes in two sizes, tape, markers, bubble wrap and labels. Ask shops and neighbours for free boxes first.

4 weeks before

Sat 31 Oct 2026 to Tue 3 Nov 2026

Start packing and start telling people. Services at the new home get booked now.

- ☐ 31 Oct
- Arrange childcare for moving day**
A grandparent, a friend or a nursery day keeps children safe and the move moving.
- ☐ 31 Oct
- Order what the new place needs on day one**
Beds, a fridge, curtains for the bedrooms. Deliveries should arrive after you do, not before.
- ☐ 31 Oct
- Sort home insurance for both addresses**
Cover for the new home from the day you get the keys, and for your belongings while they are in transit.
- ☐ 31 Oct
- Arrange where pets stay on moving day**
A quiet room with the door closed, a friend's house or a kennel. Decide now, not on the day.
- ☐ 31 Oct
- Set up Westmoor Power**
Electricity: set up new at the new address. Takes over the Bristol house from the day we get the keys.
- ☐ 31 Oct
- Decide whether anything goes into storage**
If the dates do not line up, book storage now and plan which boxes go there.
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- ☐ 3 Nov
- Set up mail forwarding**
Redirect post from the old address for a few months, so every company you forgot still reaches you.

3 weeks before

Sat 7 Nov 2026 to Sun 8 Nov 2026

Pack the rooms you use least and tidy up loose ends around the old place.

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| ☐ 7 Nov | Book the cat into the cattery for Friday and Saturday
Biscuit goes in with her own blanket. |
| ☐ 7 Nov | Plan meals that empty the freezer and cupboards
Use up what you have, so there is less to move and nothing defrosts in a box. |
| ☐ 7 Nov | Plan the journey for moving day
Route, fuel, stops, an overnight stay if needed, and who travels with what. |
| ☐ 7 Nov | Pack the rooms you use least
Garage, loft, guest room, home-office files. Keep the kitchen and bathroom for last. |
| ☐ 7 Nov | Move the service with Northlink Broadband
Internet and landline: move the service to the new address. Engineer slot requested for the Friday before. |
| ☐ 7 Nov | Return borrowed items, collect anything being repaired
Library books, a neighbour's ladder, the dry cleaning. Make a list so nothing is forgotten in the rush. |
| ☐ 8 Nov | Cancel or move local memberships
Gym, clubs, delivery boxes, the newspaper. Check the notice periods. |

2 weeks before

Sat 14 Nov 2026 to Mon 16 Nov 2026

Confirm everything that was booked and plan the first night.

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| ☐ | 14 Nov | Tell your bank and insurers the new address and the date
Also any lender or pension provider. Ask whether a new card will be sent to the new address. |
| ☐ | 14 Nov | Decide who cleans the old place and when
Book a cleaner for the day after the move, or set aside time yourself before the handover. |
| ☐ | 14 Nov | Confirm the date and time with the movers
Reconfirm access, parking, the number of boxes and anything that needs special handling. |
| ☐ | 14 Nov | Plan the first-night box
Bedding, towels, kettle, mugs, chargers, toilet paper, basic tools, medicines, a change of clothes for everyone. It travels with you. |
| ☐ | 14 Nov | Arrange parking for the van at both addresses
Permits, a neighbour's space or cones. A van that cannot park costs everyone time. |
| ☒ | 14 Nov | Give notice to Pennine Energy
Electricity: cancel or give notice. Final reading on the day; they email the closing bill. |
| ☐ | 14 Nov | Move the service with Hartwell Insurance
Insurance (home, car, health, life): move the service to the new address. Home contents; ask about cover in transit. |
| ☐ | 14 Nov | Give notice to Dr Mensah's practice
Doctor, dentist or pharmacy: cancel or give notice. Collect repeat prescriptions first. |
| ☐ | 14 Nov | Give notice to Canal Street Vets
Vet: cancel or give notice. Ask for Biscuit's vaccination record. |
| ☐ | 16 Nov | Agree how keys are handed over at both ends
Who gets the old keys and when, and where you collect the new ones. |
| ☐ | 16 Nov | Update your electoral or voter registration
Rules differ from country to country; check how your new address is registered to vote. |

1 week before

Thu 19 Nov 2026 to Tue 24 Nov 2026

Pack nearly everything. Appliances off, furniture apart, meters noted.

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| ☐ 19 Nov | Collect the piano from the tuner
They close at lunch on Saturdays. |
| ☐ 21 Nov | Confirm the switch-on dates for the new home
Electricity, gas, water and internet should all be live when you arrive. |
| ☐ 21 Nov | Plan food and drinks for moving day
Water, snacks and a plan for lunch. If people are helping, feed them. |
| ☐ 21 Nov | Note when to read the meters
Readings on the day you leave and the day you arrive settle the final bills fairly. |
| ☐ 21 Nov | Pack everything except daily essentials
Leave out one set of crockery, the coffee, toiletries and the clothes you will wear this week. |
| ☐ 21 Nov | Get the pet carrier out and let them get used to it
Food, water, a familiar blanket and the records travel with the pet. |
| ☐ 22 Nov | Prepare the children
Show them the new place or photos, and let each child pack a bag of favourite things to carry themselves. |
| ☐ 24 Nov | Take apart furniture that will not fit through the door
Bag the screws and tape the bag to the piece. Photograph how it goes back together. |

The last days

Thu 26 Nov 2026 to Fri 27 Nov 2026

The last boxes, the walk-through and a charged phone.

- ☐ **26 Nov** **Defrost and clean the fridge and freezer**
Empty, switch off, leave the doors open and dry them out, so nothing smells in the van.
- ☐ **27 Nov** **Have some cash ready**
For tips, parking, a locksmith or a last-minute need.
- ☐ **27 Nov** **Charge phones and power banks; print the plan**
Addresses, phone numbers and this timeline on paper, in case a battery dies.
- ☐ **27 Nov** **Return the garage key to Mr Ali downstairs**
He has the spare for the bike shed too.
- ☐ **27 Nov** **Pack the last boxes and the first-night box**
Keep the documents envelope, valuables and medicines with you.
- ☐ **27 Nov** **Walk through the old place with a list**
Cupboards, loft, garage, shed, behind doors. Photograph each empty room.

Moving day

Sat 28 Nov 2026

Meters, keys, the walk-through with the movers, beds made by tonight.

- ☐ **28 Nov** **Check the new place before the boxes come in**
Water, heating, any damage to note and photograph. Then show everyone where each room is.
- ☐ **28 Nov** **Make the beds and set up the bathroom first**
Everyone sleeps tonight. The boxes can wait.
- ☐ **28 Nov** **Hand over the old keys and lock up**
Windows closed, heating set as agreed, alarm set, keys to the person agreed.
- ☐ **28 Nov** **Read the meters at the new place**
Photograph them on the day you arrive.
- ☐ **28 Nov** **Read the meters at the old place and photograph them**
Date-stamped photos settle disputes later.
- ☐ **28 Nov** **Settle the pets in one quiet room**
Food, water, bed or litter, door closed until the house is quiet.
- ☐ **28 Nov** **Walk the movers through the house before loading**
Point out fragile boxes, what stays behind, and the first-night box that goes in last and comes out first.

First week after

Sun 29 Nov 2026 to Sat 5 Dec 2026

Services in your name, addresses updated, the kitchen unpacked.

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| ☐ 29 Nov | Unpack the kitchen and the bedrooms first
A working kitchen and a familiar bedroom make the house feel like home fastest. |
| ☐ 29 Nov | Start at the new school with the paperwork ready
Records, proof of address, emergency contacts, allergy information. |
| ☐ 29 Nov | Confirm every service at the new address is in your name
Electricity, gas, water, internet. Give the opening readings to the suppliers. |
| ☐ 30 Nov | Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms
Replace the batteries if you cannot tell when they were last changed. |
| ☐ 30 Nov | Change the locks
You do not know who still has a key to the previous owner's front door. |
| ☐ 1 Dec | Update your address everywhere else
Work through "Who to tell". Delivery accounts, online shops, loyalty cards, the vet, the dentist. |
| ☐ 1 Dec | Ask for your deposit back
Send the final meter readings and photos of the clean, empty rooms with your request. |
| ☐ 1 Dec | Update the microchip and tag address
Keep cats in and walk dogs on a lead for the first weeks, until they know the way home. |
| ☐ 1 Dec | Give the new address to Riverbank Water
Water: give them the new address. |
| ☐ 1 Dec | Give the new address to Example Bank
Bank, card, loan or pension: give them the new address. New card to be sent to Bristol. |
| ☐ 5 Dec | Update the vehicle registration and driving licence
Many countries set a deadline for this. Check yours and do it this week. |
| ☐ 5 Dec | Register with the new doctor and dentist
Take the records you collected. Transfer any repeat prescriptions. |
| ☐ 5 Dec | Say hello to the neighbours
Ask about bins, parking and anything the previous owner never mentioned. |
| ☐ 5 Dec | Give the new address to Tax office
Tax office, benefits, registration: give them the new address. |

First month after

Sat 12 Dec 2026 to Mon 28 Dec 2026

The long tail: bills, forwarded mail, the last box.

- ☐ **12 Dec** **Check the forwarded mail for anyone you missed**
Every forwarded letter is a company you still have to tell. Add it under "Who to tell".
- ☐ **12 Dec** **Settle up with the movers and check the inventory**
Claim for anything damaged within the insurer's deadline.
- ☐ **28 Dec** **Check the first bills at the new address**
Compare the opening readings with the bill. Query anything odd straight away.
- ☐ **28 Dec** **Unpack the last box, or give it away**
If it has stayed shut for a month, you probably do not need what is inside.
- ☐ **28 Dec** **Close the accounts at the old address**
Confirm the final bills are settled and the old insurer has stopped charging.

Who to tell

Every company and office that has your address, with the day to contact each one. Tick the box when it is done.

COMPANY OR OFFICE	WHAT TO DO	BY	DONE
Ashgrove Primary School	School or nursery: set up new at the new address	3 Oct	☐
Oakfield Primary School	School or nursery: cancel or give notice	17 Oct	☒
Leeds Leisure gym	Gym, club or membership: cancel or give notice	29 Oct	☐
The veg box	Subscription or delivery box: cancel or give notice	29 Oct	☐
Westmoor Power	Electricity: set up new at the new address	31 Oct	☐
Northlink Broadband	Internet and landline: move the service to the new address	7 Nov	☐
Pennine Energy	Electricity: cancel or give notice	14 Nov	☒
Hartwell Insurance	Insurance (home, car, health, life): move the service to the new address	14 Nov	☐
Dr Mensah's practice	Doctor, dentist or pharmacy: cancel or give notice	14 Nov	☐
Canal Street Vets	Vet: cancel or give notice	14 Nov	☐
Riverbank Water	Water: give them the new address	1 Dec	☐
Example Bank	Bank, card, loan or pension: give them the new address	1 Dec	☐
Tax office	Tax office, benefits, registration: give them the new address	5 Dec	☐

Travels with you, never in the van

Two things to keep in the car or your bag on moving day.

The first-night box

- ☐ Bedding and pillows for every bed
- ☐ Towels, soap, toilet paper
- ☐ Kettle, mugs, a few plates and cutlery
- ☐ Phone chargers and a power bank
- ☐ Basic tools: screwdriver, scissors, tape, a torch
- ☐ Medicines and the first-aid kit
- ☐ A change of clothes for everyone
- ☐ Pet food, bowls and a familiar blanket
- ☐ Snacks, water, tea and coffee

The documents envelope

- ☐ Passports and identity documents
- ☐ Tenancy agreement, sale papers or the keys contract
- ☐ The movers' contract and the inventory
- ☐ Car papers and insurance documents
- ☐ Medical records and prescriptions
- ☐ School records
- ☐ Meter-reading photos from the old place
- ☐ This plan, printed