Getting ready to move into your new Bromford pre-loved home



Congratulations – it's almost time to move into your new home!

This is an exciting time, but we know that moving can sometimes feel a bit overwhelming. Don't worry – we've put together the following simple guide to help you stay organised every step of the way.

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One month before you move...

Get quotes from removal companies or arrange van hire if you're planning on doing your own removals

- The British Association of Removers (BAR) can help you find trusted removal companies
- Always confirm exactly what's included in a quote (e.g. check if packing materials are included)
- Get quotes in writing on branded documents with a company letterhead

Book suitably qualified tradespeople to disconnect appliances at your old address and re-fit them at your new home if required

Check your home contents policy to ensure you'll be covered at your new address, and during your move

Check with the seller or their solicitor for any guarantees, warranties or service histories related to the home, such as for the gas boiler or solar panels

Read through our list of people and companies to let know about your move **(see page 8)**

Confirm school transfers if required

Arrange for childcare or pet care on moving day

Start packing boxes, especially things you don't need on a day-to-day basis, and clearly label each one by room
(if this is not being done by your removal company)



Two weeks before you move...

- Declutter and responsibly dispose of any unwanted items
- Use up frozen food and other perishables
- Cancel any local services you receive and settle outstanding bills, e.g. newspaper, window cleaner
- Check over our list of people and companies to let know about your move (see page 8)

TOP TIP:
You may also choose to redirect your mail with Royal Mail for a few months, to help ensure you don't miss any important post



One week before you move...

- Confirm your moving arrangements with your removal company or van hire
- Put together a basic toolkit (e.g. screwdrivers, pliers, bulbs) and keep it handy for moving day
- Finish as much of your packing as possible, leaving only the essential day-to-day items
- Remind any close friends and relatives of your move and new address



The day before moving…

- Clean the house, including carpets, kitchen, and bathrooms
- Defrost and empty your fridge/freezer
  (or set to max cold if you're taking them with you)
- Finish packing all remaining items
- Confirm the time for key collection and when you can access your new home
- Do a final walk-through, checking thoroughly to make sure you've not left anything behind



TOP TIP:

It's a good idea to pack a box of essentials including a kettle, mug, refreshments, scissors, sharp knife, hand and tea towels, and toilet roll – keep this handy so you can easily grab anything when you get to your new home

Moving day…

Before you set off:

- Ensure your mobile phone is fully charged
- Take final meter readings for gas, electricity and water
- Turn off heating and unplug any appliances
- Check all windows and doors are secure before leaving
- Leave keys as arranged with your estate agent or landlord

At your new home:

- Take meter readings as soon as possible
- **Locate and familiarise yourself with:**
  - Where the electricity consumer unit is and how you can switch off the supply
  - How to find the main water stopcock and how to isolate the incoming water main
  - The location of the mains gas tap and how to isolate the supply
  - How to operate the central heating and familiarise yourself with the operating instructions

TOP TIP:

Remember to cancel or transfer any local services

(e.g. milk deliveries, newspaper, window cleaner)

You're all set – welcome to your new home!

Moving can feel overwhelming, but taking it step by step will help everything run smoothly. Before you know it, you'll be settled into your new home.

You'll shortly receive a welcome pack from us, welcoming you to your new home and to Bromford. In it, you'll find loads of information on living in your new home, and what to do if you have any issues.

In the meantime, you can visit our Home Ownership Hub.







Let people know you are moving

It's important to remember that there are lots of people, companies and organisations who will need to know about your move and your new address.

You can usually start letting people know as soon as the legal completion date has been agreed.

Utilities and services

- Gas, electricity and water suppliers (your previous and your new suppliers)
- Telephone, internet and TV providers (including your TV licence)
- Council Tax and electoral roll

Personal and household

- Employer
- Doctor, dentist and optician
- Schools or childcare providers
- Vet
- Clubs, memberships or subscriptions
- Friends and family

Financial and legal

- Bank(s) and building societies
- Credit cards, loans and finance providers
- Insurance companies and any accident or breakdown cover
- Mortgage provider
- Savings accounts / premium bonds
- HMRC (Inland Revenue)
- Child benefits or other benefits
- DVLA (driving licence)
- Pension providers

TOP TIP:

iammoving.com is a free online service that allows you to update your address with multiple organisations at once