

Regenerating North Solihull



The Move

As the day of the move approaches there are many things to organise. Here is a useful reminder for you.

Three weeks before the Move

- Once a moving date has been agreed, confirm the date with the chosen firm. Some removal firms will supply packing cases on request.
- Alternatively, if you are doing the work yourself book a van to hire.
- Check your home insurance to make sure you are covered for the move, and transfer the policy to your new home.
- Call your telephone provider to set a date for disconnecting your telephone and installing one in your new home.
- If you have satellite or cable television do the same.
- Arrange for cookers to be disconnected in your old home and reconnected in your new.
- Clear out sheds/lofts/greenhouses and recycle any unwanted items or take to a charity shop. Dismantle the shed/greenhouse if you wish to take it with you.

Two weeks before the Move

- To make moving easier start to sort out clothes furniture etc that you do not need. Take to a charity shop or recycle.
- If you have not arranged a removal firm stock up on boxes, tape and labels. Start to pack non-essential items.
- Send out change of address cards.

One week before the Move

- Cancel deliveries or papers and milk.
- Make arrangements for your pets during the move.
- If you wish, arrange with the Post Office for your mail to be redirected.
- Start to empty the freezer unless moving with the contents.

The day before the Move

- Pack everything except overnight items.
- Defrost the fridge and if moving the freezer with its contents turn to maximum.
- Put all important documents and valuables in a safe place, keep cash available for expenses.
- Have a dustsheet ready to protect the entrance hall floor of your new home.
- Take down any of your own fittings that you are taking e.g. curtain rails, carpets mirrors cabinets.

Day of the Move

- Strip beds, pack bedding, nightclothes, and toiletries.
- Disconnect washing machine.
- Turn off water, gas meter, boiler and all electric and gas appliances.
- Make a note of meter readings for gas, electricity and water (if applicable).
- Lock all doors and windows.

Packing Tips

- Pack the things you rarely use first.
- Keep the weight down to each box under 15kg.

- When packing furniture, remove table legs if possible put screws and fixings in bags inside drawers.
- Tie padded cord around cupboards to keep doors from opening.
- Protect glass and other fragile objects with bubble wrap.
- Label each box with where it should go in your new home.
- Pack one box with essentials e.g. kettle cups tea coffee milk etc.