

Renter-Specific Moving Checklist

A practical timeline for moving out of a rental



6-8 weeks before moving

- ☐ Give proper written notice
- ☐ Check your tenancy agreement's notice period
- ☐ Start to declutter



4 weeks before

- ☐ Book a moving van or removal company
- ☐ Start to use up food and frozen goods
- ☐ Notify your bank and other services of your address change



2 weeks before

- ☐ Confirm your deposit protection scheme details
- ☐ Arrange a check-out inspection date with your landlord or agent
- ☐ Start to pack non-essentials



Moving week

- ☐ Take meter readings (gas, electric, water)
- ☐ Take dated photos of the property's condition
- ☐ Confirm final cleaning arrangements



Moving day

- ☐ Return keys
- ☐ Get written confirmation of the check-out inspection
- ☐ Forward your post

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How to use it

Print out and tick items off as you go, or keep it on your phone and check items off digitally — whatever keeps you actually looking at it. I'd suggest starting from the '6-8 weeks before' section even if your move is happening faster than that; you can simply compress the timeline rather than skip steps.



A note on deposit protection

If you're in England or Wales, your landlord is legally required to protect your deposit in a government-approved scheme within 30 days of receiving it. Checking this was actually done (and getting your protection certificate) is one of the most commonly missed steps on this whole list, and it's one of the most important for actually getting your money back at the end of your tenancy.