

Moving Home Made Simple

A practical guide for
moving in Northern Ireland



Helpful checklists



Local tips



Smart packing advice



Things people forget

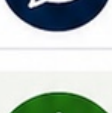


Useful advice to help
you have a smoother,
less stressful move.

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TIP:

Use this guide as a checklist to stay organised throughout your move.



MOVING TIMELINE

Your step-by-step checklist



6-8 WEEKS BEFORE

- ☐ Confirm your moving date
- ☐ Book removal company or van
- ☐ Declutter and sort your belongings
- ☐ Create a moving folder for important documents



4 WEEKS BEFORE

- ☐ Notify utility providers (electric, oil, internet)
- ☐ Redirect your post
- ☐ Update your bank, GP and workplace
- ☐ Notify TV licence and subscriptions



2 WEEKS BEFORE

- ☐ Start packing (one room at a time)
- ☐ Label boxes clearly by room
- ☐ Book time off work if needed
- ☐ Arrange help for moving day



MOVING DAY

- ☐ Take meter readings
- ☐ Do a final check of all rooms
- ☐ Lock windows and doors
- ☐ Hand over keys and confirm details



TOP TIP: Start early and stay organised.
It saves time, money and stress!

THINGS PEOPLE OFTEN FORGET

Don't leave these until the last minute!

Some updates can take time — start early to avoid disruption.



ACCOUNTS & SERVICES TO UPDATE



ESSENTIALS

- ☐ Driving licence
- ☐ Vehicle log book
- ☐ Insurance policies
- ☐ Employer
- ☐ School / nursery
- ☐ Amazon & online orders
- ☐ Redirect post



UTILITIES & SERVICES

- ☐ Gas supplier
- ☐ Electricity supplier
- ☐ Landline / internet provider
- ☐ Mobile phone provider



FINANCIAL

- ☐ Bank / Building Society
- ☐ Credit cards



GOVERNMENT & OFFICIAL

- ☐ HMRC
- ☐ Electoral register



HEALTHCARE

- ☐ GP / Doctor
- ☐ Private healthcare
- ☐ Dentist
- ☐ Optician



PERSONAL & LIFESTYLE

- ☐ Breakdown provider
- ☐ Bus pass / ID cards
- ☐ Vet & pet microchip
- ☐ Clubs / memberships (sports clubs etc.)



BOOKINGS & ACCESS



Book parking for the moving van (if needed)



Check lift reservations (apartments)

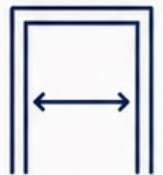


Reserve storage if required



MEASUREMENTS

Measure doorways, staircases and large items to avoid any surprises on moving day.



IMPORTANT ITEMS

- ☐ Passports
- ☐ Birth certificates
- ☐ Wills / deeds
- ☐ Important paperwork



REMEMBER: A little planning now prevents big problems later.



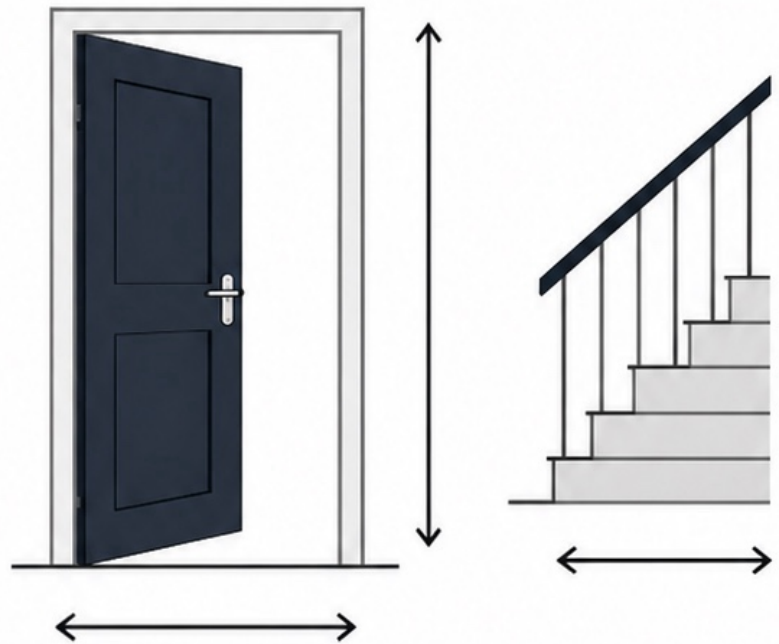
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MEASURE BEFORE YOU MOVE

Avoid things not fitting

CHECK ACCESS IN BOTH HOMES

- ✓ Doorways
- ✓ Hallways
- ✓ Staircases
- ✓ Tight corners
- ✓ Gates & driveways



LARGE ITEMS TO MEASURE



Sofas



Beds &
mattresses



Wardrobes



Fridges &
appliances



TIP: Measure width, height and depth.
If it doesn't fit — it doesn't move.

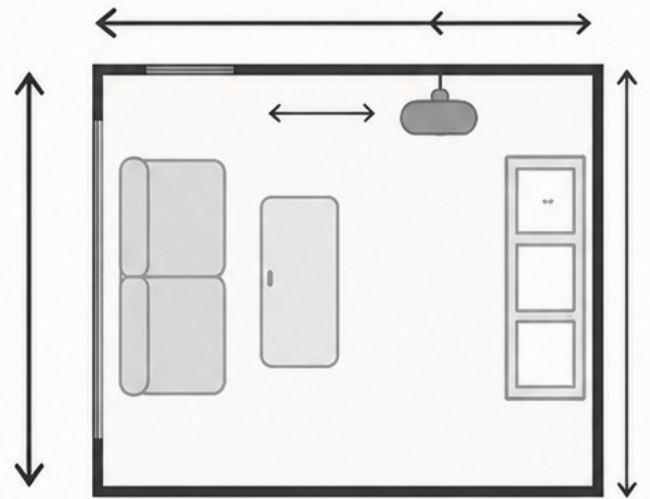
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WILL IT FIT WHERE YOU WANT IT?

Think beyond the door

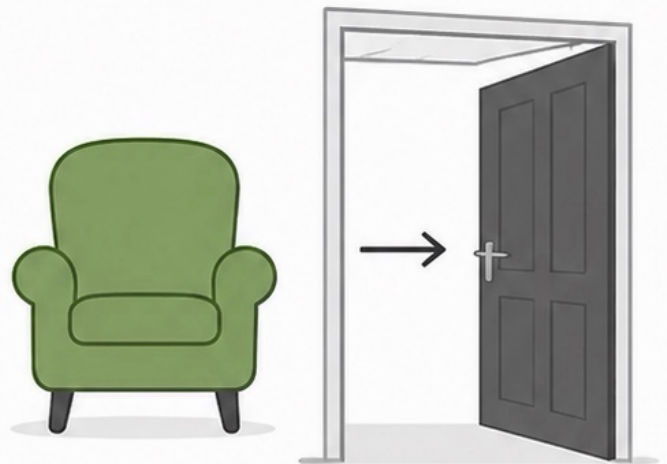
PLAN YOUR ROOM LAYOUT

- ✓ Measure the space in your new home
- ✓ Check wall lengths and layout
- ✓ Consider door swings and walkways



NEW FURNITURE CHECKLIST

- ✓ Will it fit through the door?
- ✓ Will it fit in the room?
- ✓ Can it be assembled inside?



TIP: Don't buy furniture without measuring first.

NORTHERN IRELAND

USEFUL INFORMATION

Local things to know



BINS & RECYCLING

- ☐ Bin collection days vary by council.
- ☐ Check your local council website.
- ☐ You will usually have:



General Waste



Recycling



Food Waste



UTILITIES

- ☐ Electricity suppliers vary (Power NI, SSE etc.).
- ☐ Oil heating is common – check your tank level.
- ☐ Update meter readings when you move.



ASK THE PREVIOUS OWNER

- ☐ Where is the water stopcock?
- ☐ Where is the fuse box?
- ☐ How does the heating system work?
- ☐ Alarm codes and instructions
- ☐ Bin days and local tips



Local councils: Antrim & Newtownabbey, Ards & N. Down, Armagh City, Lisburn & Castlereagh, Mid & East Antrim, Mid Ulster, Causeway Coast & Glens, Derry City & Strabane.

PACKING LIKE A PRO

Smart packing saves time and stress



USE THE RIGHT BOXES

Heavy items in small boxes, lighter items in larger boxes.



LABEL CLEARLY

Write the room and contents on the top and side.



PROTECT YOUR ITEMS

Use bubble wrap, towels and clothing to protect fragile items.



DISASSEMBLE FURNITURE

Take photos before taking apart and keep screws in labelled bags taped to the item.



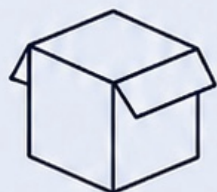
DON'T OVERLOAD BOXES

Overloaded boxes can break and cause injury.

PACK AN ESSENTIALS BOX

Keep this with you, not on the van.

- ☐ Kettle
- ☐ Mugs & tea/coffee
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Phone chargers
- ☐ Basic tools
- ☐ Medications
- ☐ Change of clothes
- ☐ Toilet roll
- ☐ Bedding



TIP: Packing one room at a time keeps you organised and focused.

MOVING DAY REALITY

What to expect on the day



THINGS TAKE LONGER

Moving always takes longer than expected. Allow extra time.



ACCESS CAN BE TRICKY

Narrow streets, tight driveways and stairs can slow things down.



WEATHER CAN IMPACT

Rain, wind and ice can cause delays. Check the forecast and plan ahead.



KEEP VALUABLES WITH YOU

Important documents, jewellery, cash and electronics should stay with you, not on the van.



STAY HYDRATED & TAKE BREAKS

Moving is hard work! Look after yourself and your helpers.



A positive attitude and good planning make a big difference.



DO YOU NEED STORAGE?

Plan ahead to avoid last-minute stress



WHEN YOU MIGHT NEED STORAGE

- Your move-in date is later than your move-out
- You're downsizing and don't have space for everything
- Renovations or decorating need to be completed first
- You want to declutter before settling in
- You're moving in stages



STORAGE OPTIONS



SELF STORAGE UNITS

- Flexible access to your belongings
- Choose your own unit size
- Good for short or long-term use



CONTAINER STORAGE

- Storage brought to your home
- Packed and then stored off-site
- Convenient and secure



WAREHOUSE STORAGE

- Managed by removal companies
- Items collected, stored and redelivered
- Ideal if you don't need regular access



THINGS TO CONSIDER



SIZE OF UNIT

Don't overpay for unused space.



SECURITY

CCTV, gated access, alarms and good lighting.



CLIMATE CONTROL

Important for furniture, electronics and documents.



LOCATION

Close vs cheaper further away.



ACCESS HOURS

24/7 access or restricted hours.



TOP TIP

Ring around for pricing before choosing.

Prices can vary a lot – even locally.



EXTRA TIP

Pack storage items clearly and label everything.

You don't want to unpack the entire unit to find one box.

FIRST NIGHT & FIRST WEEK

Get settled in faster

FIRST NIGHT ESSENTIALS

Keep these in your essentials box.



Bedding



Kettle



Snacks & drinks



Phone chargers



Toiletries



Basic tools



Torch



Toilet roll



Bin bags



Change of clothes

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHILDREN

Pack a separate bag with:



A few toys & books



Changing supplies and formula



Kids' snacks & drinks



Change of clothes

IF YOU HAVE ANY PETS

Don't forget their essentials:



Pet food & dishes



Lead / harnesses



Treats



Litter box / poo bags

FIRST WEEK CHECKLIST

- | | |
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| ☐ Unpack the essentials first | ☐ Change the locks (recommended) |
| ☐ Check heating and hot water | ☐ Register with a local GP |
| ☐ Test smoke alarms | ☐ Introduce yourself to neighbours |



TIP: Take it one step at a time.
You don't have to do it all in one day.



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USEFUL CONTACTS

Keep these numbers handy

	Removal Company	
	Electricity Supplier	
	Gas Supplier	
	Internet Provider	
	GP Surgery	
	Local Council	
	Keys / Locksmith	
	Other	



NEED A HAND?

If you need help with your move,
we're here when you need us.



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COURTESY SHEET

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR NEW OCCUPANTS

*A little something
to help you in
your new home.*

- **None - Recyclable** bins go out on

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- Current **gas** supplier
(if applicable)

- Current **electricity** supplier

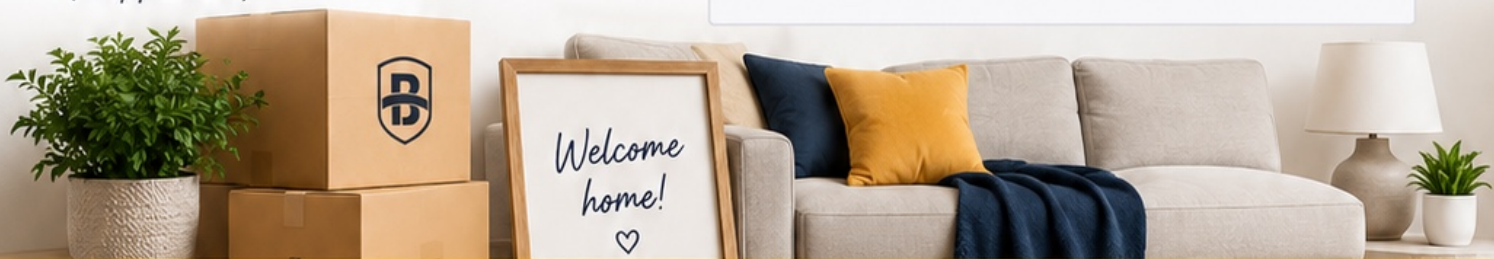
- **Water stopcock** location

- **Electric mains fuse box** location

- House **alarm code**
(if applicable)

- **Oil tank** location
(if applicable)

- **Septic tank** location
(if applicable)



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THANK YOU!

WE HOPE THIS GUIDE HAS HELPED

We hope this guide has helped you feel more organised and prepared for your move.

Moving home can be a stressful time, but with the right planning and preparation, it becomes much more manageable.



PLANNING MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

We can't emphasise enough how important forward planning is.



A LITTLE PREPARATION GOES A LONG WAY

Taking the time to organise things early can:

- ✓ Reduce stress
- ✓ Avoid last-minute problems
- ✓ Help your moving day run smoothly



YOU'VE GOT THIS

Take things step by step, stay organised, and don't be afraid to ask for help when needed.



WE'RE HERE TO HELP

If you need any assistance with your move, we're always here when you need us.



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TIP: The more prepared you are, the easier your move will be.

**PLAN AHEAD, STAY ORGANISED
AND TAKE IT ONE STEP AT A TIME.**



Thanks for reading
**and wish you every success
in your new home.**



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the best in your
new home!*

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