

Eco-friendly moving home checklist



Moving home? **OVO's** nifty checklist won't just help you to tick off all those important tasks – it will also make your move as eco-friendly as possible

6 weeks to go

Have you:

- Sorted an eco-friendly removal van?
- Given your landlord enough notice?
- Insured your valuable items against theft or damage?
- Booked an eco-friendly storage facility if you need one?
- Arranged time off work?
- Searched for any useful [moving apps](#) that might help during your move?

ECO HACK Be sure to find out about your removal company's environmental credentials, and how they can help minimise any emissions on the big day!

4 weeks to go

Now is the time to:

- Source eco-friendly moving equipment
- Let your household utility providers know you're moving
- Declutter and take things you no longer need to charity shops
- Get organised with a packing schedule and moving house folder
- Call on the experts to help move your key appliances
- Arrange for pet-sitters on moving day if needed

ECO HACK Before you take any old clothes to the charity shop, why not use them to help protect your items during the move, and save on bubble wrap?

3 weeks to go

Make sure you've:

Considered second-hand furniture options for your new home

Sorted home insurance for your new place

Redirected your mail to your new address

Told all friends, family and key services (e.g. doctors, work, mobile provider) you're moving

Sorted a childminder for moving day, if needs be

Let your local council know you're moving

ECO HACK Plan out an efficient route to help you avoid multiple car journeys on moving day – and don't forget to call on family and friends for help!

1 week to go

Have you made sure:

You've sorted the cleaning (of both your old and new place)?

You've considered getting eco-friendly cleaning products for the move?

You have the keys to your new home (and a spare pair, just in case)?

You've backed up all your tech?

You're taking care of yourself and giving yourself plenty of time to relax and de-stress?

You've thought about how to carefully transport those precious carbon-munching house plants?

ECO HACK Now's a great time to check out our [Energy Guides](#) for inspiration on how to make your new home more energy-efficient!

2 weeks to go

It's now a good idea to:

Start packing and boxing up, so there's less to do in the run-up to moving day

Avoid food waste by making plans to use up or donate any surplus food in these final days

Ask friends and family for support during the move

Put together a music playlist to help keep you energised on the big day

Avoid fly-tipping and recycle any waste

ECO HACK Getting rid of old items? Instead of adding more waste to landfill, explore how you could creatively upcycle them into something new!

It's the big day!

Don't forget to...

Take any meter readings for your old and new homes

Withdraw a handy bit of cash just in case you need it

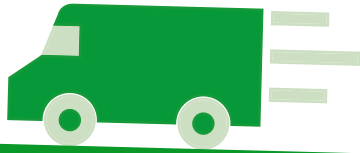
Check your car's fuel, oil and tyres

Unplug all appliances in your old house

Test the lights, toilet, heating, water and electrics in your new home

Check any security, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms at your new place

Find out when the bins are taken out in your new area



Moving day essentials kit

Here are a few things you might want to keep close to hand:

Kettle, teabags and coffee (plus milk and sugar if you're so inclined!)

Eco-friendly cleaning products and cleaning cloths

Rubbish and recycling bags

LED light bulbs

Loo roll

A torch

Toiletries

Plates, cutlery and dish towels

A handy tool box

All your important documents

Any necessary medicine

Bedding and an overnight bag for your family members

Snacks for when energy-levels get low

▶ We hope this helps make your move as eco-friendly as possible! Want to learn more about OVO's mission to zero carbon? Check out how we deliver more than just energy [here](#) or head to [our blog](#) to read about all things green energy, smart tech and zero carbon living.