



MOVING WITH CONFIDENCE CHECK LIST

BEFORE YOU MOVE IN:

- Confirm your completion date with your solicitor and estate agent.
- Arrange buildings and contents insurance (effective from exchange of contracts).
- Notify utility providers (gas, electricity, water) and set up accounts in your name.
- Register with the local council for council tax and waste services.
- Redirect your post using Royal Mail's redirection service.
- Book a removals company (or van hire) well in advance.
- Arrange professional cleaners for both the old and new properties.
- Pack systematically - label boxes by room and contents.
- Organise childcare or pet care for moving day.
- Declutter - donate, recycle or dispose of unwanted items.
- Arrange broadband, phone and TV license transfer/setup.
- Check what the seller is leaving behind (fixtures, white goods, curtains, etc.).
- Collect all documentation from the seller (manuals, warranties, certificates).
- Set up a change of address with banks, employer, DVLA, GP, subscriptions, etc.

ON MOVING DAY:

- Take final meter readings at your old property and initial readings at the new one (gas, electricity, water).
- Collect and test all keys, including windows, sheds, gates, garages and alarms.
- Do a full walkthrough of the property to check for damage or items left behind.
- Secure the property - test locks, alarm systems, smoke alarms and CO detectors.
- Keep a moving day essentials box (kettle, snacks, chargers, cleaning supplies, documents).
- Check heating and hot water are functioning.
- Note the bin collection days and where bins are stored.
- Leave out your moving paperwork and contact list for quick access.

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AFTER MOVING IN:

- Unpack gradually and prioritise bedrooms, bathroom and kitchen first.
- Re-test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- Change locks or get locks re-keyed for peace of mind.
- Register with a local GP and dentist.
- Review your survey report and prioritise urgent works.
- Schedule inspections for gas safety, electrical safety, and boiler servicing.
- Check attic, basement and external areas for issues not noticed on viewing.
- Register appliances for warranties.
- Update your home insurance with full details.
- Join local community or residents' groups (Facebook, WhatsApp, etc.).
- Schedule routine maintenance checks (gutter cleaning, drain inspection, etc.).
- Review your energy tariff and compare suppliers for better rates.

USEFUL EXTRAS:

- Create a home maintenance folder for receipts, manuals, tradespeople contacts and warranties.
- Map out water stopcock, fuse box, and gas shut-off valve locations.
- Introduce yourself to neighbours - helps with community ties and security.
- Take photos of the property condition when you move in (useful for insurance).
- Set a budget for planned improvements and get multiple quotes from verified contractors.

NEED SUPPORT?

If you have any questions about your survey findings, upcoming works, or next steps, we're happy to help. River Crest Surveyors are here for you long after the keys are in your hand.

