

Home Run Removals

The Ultimate 8-Week Moving House Checklist (UK Edition)

Phase 1: Early Preparation (8-6 Weeks Out)

- Secure your move date: Research and book your removals company. Pro Tip: Use our video self-survey to get an itemised quote in 48 hours.
- Create a 'Moving Folder': Start a physical or digital folder for all your quotes, contracts, and important documents.
- Ruthlessly Declutter: Go through the attic, garage, and cupboards. Donate, sell, or recycle items you haven't used in a year.
- Notify Landlords/Schools: If renting, give formal notice. If moving with children, contact current and future schools.

Phase 2: Logistical Management (4-2 Weeks Out)

- Define Service Needs: Confirm dismantling, storage, or fragile item protection.
- Plan Your Budget: Allocate for fees, supplies, insurance, and appliance handling.
- Notify Utilities: Inform water (Southern Water), gas, and electric of your move date.
- Redirect Mail: Set up mail redirection with Royal Mail.
- Review Insurance: Confirm £30k Goods in Transit coverage is sufficient.

Phase 3: The Week Before (Final Countdown)

- Confirm Timings: Finalise arrival and key handover with the removals team.
- Pack Essentials Box: Medication, chargers, tea/coffee, and documents.
- Prepare Furniture: Dismantle flat-pack and disconnect appliances.
- Finish General Packing: Secure all remaining items using professional care.

Phase 4: Moving Day Checklist

- Final Utility Reads: Take photos of water, gas, and electric meters.
- Secure Your Old Home: Final sweep, lock all windows/doors, hide spare keys.
- Direct the Team: Give clear instructions on arrival at your new property.
- Unpack Essentials First: Set up beds and basic kitchen items on night one.