



# YOUR ESSENTIAL MOVING CHECKLIST

## 3 Months

- Book your plane or ferry tickets
- Sort through all your belongings and get rid of items you no longer need. Sell them, donate to charity, or recycle. It's also a good idea to note down, as you go, whether any items need special packaging or extra insurance coverage
- Start researching removals companies - are they Trading Standards Approved, are they members of any professional organisations? Obtain quotes from expert, long established companies only, to get the best service
- Research your new town/city and join Facebook groups or expat forums to learn about the local culture there
- If you have the time, start learning the local language, or learn a few important phrases
- Inform your local children's school that you will be moving abroad and ask for transfer certificates and any information which will be relevant when you move
- Contact the vet for your dog or cat to get their Pet Passport, and check on their rabies injections
- Create a 'moving binder' where you can keep all your important documents to hand, including your passports, driving licences, certified documents, receipts and an inventory of your belongings. It's also a good idea to back up your computer's hard drive and upload important files to cloud storage i.e. Dropbox, Google Drive or Evernote

## 2 Months

- Ask your doctor and dentist for copies of your family's health records, and give them your new address
- Check all your UK insurance policies, amend them with your new details or cancel where applicable
- Tell people your change of address, including - family, friends, local council, etc. It might be worth arranging for your post to get redirected for the first year (visit your local sorting office to arrange this)
- If you are taking your car, book it in for a service, get a new mot, and research what you need to keep in your car for European travel - or go here <https://indalotransport.com/7-essential-items-you-must-carry-when-driving-in-spain/>
- Start using up things that you don't want to take on the move, like frozen or perishable foods and cleaning supplies
- Order boxes and other supplies such as tape, bubble wrap, and permanent markers.

## 1 Month

- If you have not included a packing service with your removal, start to pack away the contents of the house, leaving out the essentials that you need for the next month
- Contact all the utility companies and book them to cut your supply of gas, electricity, water, cable TV and telephone
- Contact the removals company if there is any change to the inventory of items to move
- Check that the removal company has received your final payment, as they will need to be paid before they arrive to collect everything on moving day
- If your refrigerator is moving with you, make sure to empty, clean, and defrost it at least 24 hours before moving day

## Moving Day

- Make sure that all items not to go in the removal truck are all together, either in a room away from everything else, or just throw a sheet over it all so nothing gets mixed up