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The Moving Day Plan

Hour-by-hour timetable for completion day. Built around the UK conveyancing process: keys exchange when funds clear, typically between 1pm and 3pm.

THE WEEK BEFORE

Final-week prep

Confirm completion date in writing with your solicitor.

Confirm the removals company and arrival time.

Best removals are booked 4 to 8 weeks ahead in peak season (May to September).

Pack non-essentials.

Books, off-season clothes, decorative items, garage contents.

Set aside a moving-day box.

Kettle, mugs, tea, instant coffee, snacks, toilet paper, phone chargers, screwdriver, scissors, plasters.

Defrost the freezer (48 hours before).

Confirm parking permits if needed for the removal van.

7:00 AM

Wake-up and final pack

Strip and pack bedding.

Pack final bathroom and kitchen items.

Charge all phones and any portable battery banks.

Eat a proper breakfast.

The day is longer than you think.

8:00 AM

Removal van arrives

Walk the team through the house room by room.

- Mark items that should not be moved.**
The moving-day box, valuables, paperwork, anything coming with you in the car.
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- Confirm the route and ETA at the new property.**

10:00 AM

Final meter readings

- Read gas, electric, water meters.**
Photograph each one with the serial number visible.
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- Submit readings to your suppliers via app or phone.**
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- Final check that no item is left in any cupboard, attic, or shed.**

11:00 AM

Van loaded, house empty

- Sweep or vacuum every room.**
Leave it as you would want to receive it.
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- Close all windows.**
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- Set the heating to off (winter) or low (summer).**
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- Take any manuals, alarm codes, warranty paperwork to the kitchen counter.**
Handover pack for the buyer.
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- Take a final photograph of every room.**
Insurance and dispute defence if anything is later claimed.

12:00 - 3:00 PM

Wait for completion

- Your solicitor calls when funds have transferred.**
Could be anywhere from 11am to 4pm. Average is 1pm to 2pm.

- Once funds clear, hand keys to the estate agent.**
They release them to the buyer.

- Do not hand over keys before your solicitor confirms.**
If funds bounce, you have lost control of the property.

- Eat lunch nearby.**
The waiting is hard. Eat something.

IF COMPLETION DELAYS

UK completion can run late. Banks sometimes process funds at 4pm or later. Removal companies typically include up to 2 hours of waiting in their fee. If completion has not happened by 5pm, agree with your buyer's side whether to push to the next morning rather than risk a midnight move.

3:00 - 5:00 PM

Arrive at the new property

- Collect keys from the estate agent.**

- Take meter readings for the new property immediately.**

- Test the alarm, smoke alarms, central heating.**

- Walk through the house with a notebook.**
Note anything missing, damaged, or different from what was agreed in the fittings and contents form (TA10).

- Direct the removal team room by room as they unload.**

EVENING

Settle in

- Empty boxes for the kitchen and one bedroom only.**
Anything more is optimistic.

- Locate the consumer unit, stopcock, and gas shut-off.**

- Check the broadband if pre-arranged.**

- Order takeaway. Open a beer or a cup of tea. Sit down.**

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