

PACE VAN HIRE'S ULTIMATE MOVING HOME CHECKLIST

YOUR 4-WEEK PLAN FOR A
STRESS-FREE MOVE.



4 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY

(Planning & Preparation)

- Confirm your moving date.
- Book your van hire with Pace Van Hire to secure the best rates and availability if moving yourself. Alternatively, book a removal company and clarify what is and isn't included in the house move cost you have agreed on.
- Notify your landlord (if renting) and confirm move-out requirements (e.g. cleaning).
- Contact utility providers to schedule final meter readings and set up accounts for your new home.
- Start decluttering—sort items into “keep,” “donate,” “sell,” or “recycle.”
- Begin packing non-essential items (e.g. seasonal clothes, books, Christmas decorations).
- Arrange for child or pet care on moving day, if needed.
- Gather packing supplies: boxes, tape, bubble wrap, and marker pens.

3 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY

(Organising Essentials)

- Notify important parties of your move:
 - Banks, insurance providers, and credit card companies.
 - HMRC, DVLA, and your employer.
 - Schools, doctors, and other service providers.
- Start using up perishable food items in your fridge and freezer.
- Pack valuable or sentimental items separately and ensure they're stored securely.
- Label boxes clearly by room and content to simplify unpacking.
- Schedule a deep clean of your current property or book a professional cleaning service.

2 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY

(Finalising Details)

- Confirm your booking with the house removal company or with Pace Van Hire, including van size and timing.
- Arrange parking permits at your current and new addresses, if needed.
- Pack an essentials box with items you'll need immediately after the move (e.g. toiletries, snacks, chargers, important documents).
- Dismantle furniture you no longer need or that's too large to move easily.
- Measure doorways and staircases in your new home to ensure furniture will fit.
- Plan your route to the new property, factoring in potential traffic or delays.

1 WEEK BEFORE MOVING DAY

(Getting Ready)

- Pack remaining items, leaving out only daily essentials.
- Defrost and clean your fridge and freezer.
- Disconnect and safely pack electronics, keeping cables and accessories labelled.
- Confirm childcare or pet care arrangements for moving day.
- Dispose of any hazardous or prohibited materials that cannot be moved in the van.
- Double-check all paperwork for your new property, including keys and access codes.

MOVING DAY (Making It Happen)

- Wake up early and double-check your packing checklist.
- Take final meter readings and note them down.
- Securely pack valuables and your essentials box in your vehicle.
- Guide the movers to load items safely. If moving yourself, pack the van as efficiently and safely as possible.
- Conduct a final walkthrough of your old property to ensure nothing is left behind.
- Lock up and hand over keys, if required.
- Unload items at your new home, starting with essentials and furniture.

POST-MOVE (Settling In)

- Unpack room by room, starting with your essentials box.
- Update your address with any remaining services or subscriptions.
- Test utilities (water, electricity, gas) and set up Wi-Fi.
- Explore your new neighbourhood and introduce yourself to neighbours.
- Leave a review for your removals company or for Pace Van Hire to let us know how we helped make your move stress-free!

WHY CHOOSE PACE VAN HIRE?

At Pace Van Hire, we're here to make moving easy with affordable, reliable van hire in South London and Croydon. With flexible hire options and a range of van sizes to suit any move, we're your trusted partner for a seamless relocation.