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Estate & Letting Agents Association UK

MOVING TIPS

With an ELAA member agency looking after the sale or purchase of your home you don't have to worry about the transaction itself – you can rest assured that your chosen ELAA member agency will discuss the details of the sale with your solicitors and all other parties involved at every stage on your behalf ensuring the transaction goes as smoothly as possible leaving you free to prepare for the big move itself.

The Estate & Letting Agents Association UK has compiled a few useful tips to help you plan your move, we hope you find it useful and remember that if you have any concerns you can always contact your agent or us at consumer@elaa-uk.org

Here are a few helpful hints for when it comes to your big move:

Before your move think about all the companies and organisations you may need to contact and inform them of your move such as the electricity company, the Gas Company, Council offices, etc. You may also find our 'Moving Checklist helpful', this and other useful information can be found at the consumer information section of our website: www.elaa-uk.org

- Start planning your packing early – it can take longer than you think!
- Go through each room and think how many boxes you will need – Make sure you use sturdy boxes that will not give way, remember they will be stacked on top of each other and may carry heavy, valuable items.
- Remember that boxes are usually supplied 'flat pack' so make sure you have enough time to make up the boxes
- Make sure you have pens/markers to write on the boxes

- Write which rooms the boxes have come from and which room you want them to be placed in once they are at your new home
- Try to pack by room and keep similar items together (i.e. CDs, books, photos, etc.)
- Ensure you have the tools required to disassemble your items (you may find it useful to have some screwdrivers, pliers and allen keys, etc.)
- Ensure that you have enough strong tape for all your boxes! – Make sure you use plenty of strong tape (parcel tape is usually good) on all your boxes – you don't want your drinking glasses or crockery to fall out when you pick the box up!
- Try to wrap items with paper before putting things in boxes
- Get some packing paper – this is very useful for filling in empty space in boxes to stop things moving around or bashing into other items
- Think of the valuable and delicate items that need to be packed with extra care – how will you pack them? Ensure you have the right packing items for these such as bubble wrap, packing paper, tape, etc. Make sure you label these items clearly – you don't want someone to open them carelessly and break them!
- Have plenty of clear plastic bags for nuts, bolts and screws, etc. – Keep these with the items they belong to so you don't lose them (ie screws from a bed base could be kept with the slats or bedhead and TV wall bracket screws can be attached with tape to the brackets themselves)
- Make sure to pack heavier items in stronger boxes and do not over pack these boxes so they can be easy to lift – clearly mark these as 'heavy'
- Remember to keep important documents together in a safe place and remember to unpack them as soon as practically possible so they don't get misplaced in all the chaos.
- Food & Drink; make sure you pack your fridge and freezer foods in appropriate bags/boxes and keep these accessible so you can put them away as soon as possible
- Food on the day – Think about what you or your packing helpers may wish to eat and drink during and after the move. Maybe have some food delivered rather than cooking; it will be a busy day so you may prefer to let someone else do the cooking!
- Try to recycle as much of the packing materials and boxes as possible, let's do our bit to help Mother Nature as much as we can.

For a list of professional movers please visit the 'our partners' section of our website (<http://www.elaa-uk.org/our-partners.html>) as we have a list of various professional movers that have been vetted and are registered with either The British Association of Removers or The Alliance of Independent Movers

The ELAA-UK website also has a list of other organisations and businesses that could be helpful in your move, please visit the 'our partners' section of our website www.elaa-uk.org for further information.

Remember that you can find more information and helpful advice on our website and from our member agencies, simply visit www.elaa-uk.org for more information.



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