

6 Tips for Moving Home

to save your sanity!

"Amanda offered solid recommendations, top tips to consider before we moved & created a robust plan of action for our move day. On the day itself she absolutely grafted...worked so hard to get key rooms ready for our family to use on night one."



Hey, keen house mover!

Are you stressing over the mountain of things you need to do before you complete on your dream home?

Not sure how you'll manage family, pets, boxes and keys on move day?

Trying to deal with a move for an older parent who lives miles away from you?

Picture this...

What if that **overwhelming** feeling of **chaos** could massively improve with help from an experienced move manager?

Sound good?

I've got your back!



My **Moving Home Tips** are drawn from supporting over 200 clients to move home within, into, or out of, the Manchester & Cheshire areas.

If you're thinking about making a move - you really **can't start** soon enough!



① What's Your Timeframe?

How long have you got before you need to leave your current home? Time is of the essence, and there's no time like TODAY to start planning & preparing!

- If your home's due to go onto the market, be sure to declutter, de-personalise & think of it as a transaction. Cut those emotional ties!
- If your move is imminent, you need to focus. A typical house purchase will usually take around 8-12 weeks from acceptance of an offer.
- What can you be doing NOW even if you have time to spare? Sort & box up out of season & less-frequently used items. Declutter fitted wardrobes, cabinets & drawers - buyers WILL look inside them during viewings!
- Make lists your new best friend.

What can you make a start on this week? **Ready, set, go!**

② Sizing Up

How much space will you have compared to where you are now?
Will your existing possessions fit into your new home?

- Are you upsizing, downsizing or moving to a similar sized property?
- If you can't move furniture directly from room to room, try using existing pieces in different spaces in the new home.
- Measure, measure, measure! Draw up floor plans to get a feel for how spaces might look with your furniture in them. I can create 3-D versions for you.
- Don't be tempted to buy new furniture immediately (unless it's essential of course). Better to get a feel for your new space before spending more money. Try Freecycle & Facebook Marketplace for temporary solutions.
- The contents of fitted furniture will need to find new homes as the units won't be moving with you. What are you storing that you no longer have a use for that you could let go of?

Need floorplans? **Ask the agent or arrange to visit & measure up.**



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Storing Up Problems

Here's something to divide opinion. You'd be surprised how many people consider this as an easy option. But is it?

- Firstly, assess what might need to go into storage – and why. No point paying to store things you have no need for. Can you declutter your possessions sufficiently prior to your move?
- How long do you plan to leave them stored for? Temporarily between homes, until renovation work has been completed, or indefinitely?
- Consider access times and location. If you're moving out of area think about travel times if you need to retrieve something in future.
- Factor in weekly/monthly rental costs, insurance & ease of transportation, particularly for furniture.

Draw up a list of local storage facilities **Visit, view & assess!**

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I Like to Move it, Move it!

Have you thought about removals? Will you move yourself, use a man & van or use a full removal service? Furniture is heavy and can be awkward to fit through hallways & door frames.

- Do you want to use a firm that is BAR registered (British Assoc of Removers)?
- Wrapping & packing? It's often worth engaging the removers to undertake this for you – they're quick as they do it everyday, know *how* to pack securely, and are usually insured. Great if you've lots of crockery & delicate items.
- Can the firm provide a clearance option alongside the move? Useful if you have a large volume or large-sized items that aren't suitable for selling or donating to charity.
- Will removals unpack for you? If not, I can! I'll get you first night ready with the kitchen basics out and beds made up.

Who to use? *Check Google reviews, ask your estate agent, friends & family for recommendations.*



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Changing Address

Plenty of people to notify when you move home. Don't want those birthday cards drifting off into the ether, right?

- Create a list and add to it as you think of something. I provide my clients with a handy editable prompt checklist to personalise for their needs.
- Consider utilities, finances, family, motoring and health.
- Get your Royal Mail postal redirection in place in good time - 12 months is a good 'cover-all' timeframe to purchase so you don't miss anything!
- Create a template email or letter to notify multiple people at once.
- It's the perfect time to lose all of that junk mail too!

*Get that list started today. **There's always more than you thought!***

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Move Day Mayhem!

Ready for the biggest day of all? With keys firmly in your hands you'll want to get going right away!

- Stay calm. Have snacks & drinks to hand to keep you (& your removal team) going throughout the day.
- Prep a Day 1 basics box to include tea/coffee, mugs, screwdriver, allen key, light bulbs & cleaning gear.
- Don't leave without taking meter readings! Photograph on your smartphone and advise utilities of your move a day or so later.
- Pack your bedding in your own car, or bag up with a bright label so you can find it and flop into bed easily!
- Stick a basic floorplan for each room on the doorframe using masking tape. It helps massively for removals and me if I'm unpacking with you.
- Don't let removals leave until you're happy that any large or heavy furniture is where you'd like it! Utilise that additional manpower whilst you have it!
- Locate the nearest chippy to grab fish & chips for dinner. It's move day law!

*Looking forward to it? **Get a good night's sleep the night before & eat breakfast!***



So, are you ready?

It's time to plan your move!



You're not on your own. I'll be giving you a **Nudge** every fortnight when I pop into your Inbox, bringing you ideas, inspiration & the impetus to keep going!

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Want help with your move?

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"I know how difficult organising a move can be. Whether I'm helping clients to prepare their homes for viewings, planning what needs to happen during the run-up or unpacking boxes and putting away on move day, I feel your pain!"

I've been referred to as **'the extra pair of hands you didn't know you needed until you needed them'** on move day.

