

Moving house can be a stressful time, use our useful check list to help make your journey smoother.

4-8 weeks before your move

If you are renting, notify your landlord of your moving date

Start de-cluttering

Don't pay money to move things you are never going to use again. Why not donate any unwanted items to charity?

Martin House Children Hospice

Linley and Simpson are proud to support Martin House Children's Hospice who are always in need of stock donations. Bags can be donated at any Martin House retail outlet, including the charity's Thorp Arch Warehouse.

Please visit their website to find the nearest Martin House shop to you.
<https://www.martinhouse.org.uk/Contact-Us/Find-Our-Shops>

Consider if you need to book removals or self storage

McCarthy's Removals & Storage

Linley and Simpson have linked up with Yorkshire based removals and storage specialists McCarthy's to offer 10% off your removal costs or 4 weeks free storage. Visit their website, www.mjmcCarthy.co.uk/welcome-ls/ to make your enquiry today.



Personal contents insurance

Make sure you have the correct insurance in place. You will be responsible for insuring your own contents and it is a term of your tenancy agreement that you have cover for accidental damage to your landlord's property, contents, fixtures and fitting. You must provide proof of this cover before or on the day you move in.

Homelet

Linley and Simpson are pleased to be partnered with Homelet who offer specialised insurance for tenants. Please visit their website for more information on the policies they can offer you and for a free, no obligation quote.

<https://homelet.co.uk/tenants?asn=1510689>

Change your address details or arrange a redirection through Royal Mail

<https://www.royalmail.com/personal/receiving-mail/redirection>

Set up your direct debit

It will be a condition of your tenancy agreement that the rent is paid monthly in advance by direct debit.

Utilities

Linley and Simpson will arrange for our utility portal details to be sent to you via email. We can then ensure accounts are set up, via our preferred supplier, for gas, electric, water and council tax. To find out which Council Tax band the property is in, visit www.voa.gov.uk. You will be responsible for ensuring your accounts are set up and your bills are paid on time.

Phone/ Broadband

To establish whether the property has a phone line you can contact BT on 0800 150111.

If the property is not cable enabled, you may wish to consider a Sky package instead www.sky.com. Please note you may need approval from your Landlord prior to Sky or Digital TV installation. You will be given the opportunity to sign up with our preferred supplier via our utility portal.

TV Licence

This is the tenant's responsibility. Please visit www.tvlicensing.co.uk to arrange a TV Licence for your new property.

Please refer to our **'Who to Notify?'** guide for a more detailed look at who you need to speak to.

2 weeks before your move

If you have pets or children, arrange for someone to help look after them for the move

Start packing non essential items

Cancel or change your address for any newspaper deliveries

Contact your doctor or dentist if you are moving out of the area

Finalise arrangements with your letting agent and ensure there is no outstanding paperwork to complete or funds to transfer

2 days before your move

Make up a box of essential items for the first few days at your new home and pack an overnight bag. Include things like scissors, toilet roll, cleaning products, kettle, tea bags, some basic crockery, cutlery and a cork screw

Pack valuables and documents separately and keep them somewhere safe

Take photos of your electronics before you disconnect them to save you time when you reassemble them

Arrange a time to collect keys from your letting agent

If you are renting through Linley and Simpson you can look forward to receiving one of our Loyalty Cards which will give you exclusive discounts from local businesses.



1 day before your move

Finish all packing. Label all boxes with which room they will be going in

Charge your mobile phone

Do a final check of cupboards, basements, lofts and garden sheds to make sure nothing gets left behind

Moving day

Take meter readings at the property you are leaving and the one you are moving into

Take a final look around the property you are leaving to make sure you haven't forgotten anything

Check the inventory at the property you are renting

Put the boxes in the correct rooms at your new home but don't try and unpack everything in one day!

Once you've moved

Update the electoral register as you won't automatically be registered to vote

Provide utility companies with opening and close readings

Check your direct debit is set up for ongoing rent payments.

Finally, relax and enjoy your new home!

