

### 3 months prior

- Create a file in which you can keep all the documents relating to your move.
- Block off the days you will allocate to your move.
- Ask your employer about moving leave and relocation assistance.
- If you are renting, notify your landlord or agency and give your notice.
- If you are a co-owner, contact your property manager.
- Assess the resources and budget needed for your move: help from friends, contracting a moving company, etc.
- Get quotes from several moving companies or ask your friends for a vehicle and equipment.
- Sort through your belongings and decide what you want to keep, give away and sell.
- If you have young children, start looking for their new daycare.
- For children in kindergarten and primary school, you can keep them in their current school or enrol them in another.
- For those in middle or high school, follow the school mapping.

## 2 months prior

- Select the moving company of your choice and arrange a date for a preliminary visit to your home.
- Or borrow or hire a moving van.
- Notify the authorities of your forthcoming change of address: Health insurance company, benefits office, tax office, job centre, pension fund, etc.
- Inform your bank and plan for formalities to be carried out if you wish to change.
- Think about how you will handle the largest pieces of furniture.
- Notify your general practitioner that you are moving.
- Do you have a pet? Start planning their move too.
- Cancel your subscriptions if you're moving to another town (gym, library, etc.).
- Stock up on boxes, bubble wrap and adhesive tape. Glass packing boxes, blankets, gloves, markers: HOMEBOX provides you with everything you need to protect even your most fragile belongings!

## 1 months prior

- Agree on the moving date with your provider or your friends. Arrange for your children and pets to be looked after on that day.
- Start packing by putting away everything you won't need in the weeks following your move.
- Make a list of everything in the boxes and number them. If you're renting, let your landlord know when you'll be leaving.
- Empty your fridge and cupboards gradually.
- Set the dates for your meter readings with your various energy and water suppliers.
- Plan means of transport for you and those who will be helping you on the big day.
- Notify your neighbours that you are moving.
- Take inventory of all the items that are still at the dry cleaners, being altered, rented or loaned.

## 15 days prior

- Contact your town hall (or the police headquarters if you live in Paris) to obtain a parking permit for the day of the move.
- If you are renting, agree on a date for the inventory of fixtures with your landlord.
- Insure your new home and terminate your current policy.
- Arrange for your mail to be forwarded by setting up a temporary mail forwarding service with La Poste, for a period of 6 to 12 months.
- Transfer your phone and Internet contracts or change provider if necessary. Remember to carry out a fibre eligibility test in your new home.
- Return your Internet modem if required.
- Choose your new gas and/or electricity suppliers and agree on a start date for each contract.
- For single-family homes, notify your future water supplier that you are moving in.
- Plan the layout of your furniture in your new home to make handling easier on the big day.

## 7 days prior

- Arrange a start time with the moving company, make sure to get their phone number and leave them yours.
- Ask your landlord or agency for all the keys to your new home (main door, garage, cellar, basement, etc.).
- Keep important documents such as your ID, family records and driving licence safe and within reach.
- Pack a suitcase with essential items: medicines, toiletries, clothes, sheets, cutlery, etc.
- Remember to change your pet's address on Icad.
- Unplug your fridge and freezer and defrost them. Wash as many clothes, sheets and towels as possible.
- Stop watering your plants (except in special cases) to make them lighter and avoid leaks.

## The day before

- Check that your washing machine and dishwasher are empty and drain the pipes.
- Set aside valuables and important documents so that you can take them with you to your new home.
- Cover fragile floors with protective tarpaulins.
- Set aside some cleaning products and tools for cleaning and minor repairs once the home has been fully emptied.
- Fully charge your phone.
- Pack a small basket with drinking water, sandwiches and snacks to keep you going on the day.
- Go through your entire home: cupboards, drawers, attic, cellar, garage, garden shed, etc.

## The big day

- Take a reading of the meters in both homes. Close all doors and windows.
- Give your landlord the address of your new home so they can return your security deposit and forward your mail if needed.
- Remove the name tag from your letterbox.
- Give your old home a thorough clean and take care of potential minor repairs.
- Carry out the inventory of fixtures when you leave your old home. And do the same for your new home.
- During the move, give logistical and handling instructions to the movers or to your friends.
- Place your belongings in the appropriate rooms in your new home.
- Test the keys to your new home.
- Make sure you have hot water and heating.
- Open the boxes, prioritising according to usefulness and fragility.
- Go through your list again to check for damage or loss. Write your name on your letterbox, doorbell, etc.

## The day after

- If you notice any damage or loss, notify your moving firm/ insurance company as soon as possible.
- Change the locks if you own your home.
- Change the address for your vehicle registration on the government website. Note that you only have one month after moving in to do this, otherwise you could be fined!
- Take a look around your new neighbourhood to discover green spaces, nice shops and other amenities.
- Introduce yourself to your new neighbours and invite them over for a drink.

## A week after

- Choose your new general practitioner so you can remain fully covered under the coordinated care pathway.
- Take the necessary steps with your local council or the public authorities' website if you wish to vote in your new town.