

AshtonRose – Moving to do list

Before you move

- Try if possible to ask family or friends to look after small children and pets for the moving day. Older children are usually helpful.
- Check with your solicitor what time keys will be released.
- Check that parking will be readily available at your current and new home for your removal van. If not, save the required space the night/day before.
- Mark any items to remain at your previous home so that they don't get taken along with the rest.
- Try to take apart sound systems, TVs and other equipment the night before.
- Remove all blinds, curtains and anything that requires tools the day/night before.

Things to make moving day smooth

- As always, keep on hand a kettle, mugs, tea, coffee, biscuits, sugar, spoons and food and drink for pets.
- It isn't essential, but a small radio always helps.
- Refuse sacks, dust pan, brush, vacuum cleaner, rubber gloves and a hand towel should be easily accessible.
- Set aside some cash for emergencies.
- Charge your mobile phone the night before and keep your camera to hand; you wouldn't want to miss it.
- A torch and a basic tool kit is always a good idea, just in case.
- Don't forget to leave all sets of keys for your previous home with the agent. Read the meters and keep the readings safe.
- Pick up all sets of keys for your new home from the agent. Read the meters here too.
- Make sure you have toilet roll with you at all times. There is no guarantee it will be left for you.

Who to notify of your change of address

- Utilities, gas, electric, water, telephone and broadband.
- Local Authority.
- Post Office and redirect mail service.
- Banks, Building Society, credit cards, store cards.
- Standing orders, milk, newspapers.
- Insurance companies, home contents, life policies, pensions, car.
- HP agreements.
- Stocks and shares.
- Vehicle registration and driving license.
- Motoring organisations, AA, RAC.
- Medicals, doctor, dentist, clinics, opticians, vets.
- DHSS.
- Schools, nurseries.
- TV rental, sky, cable, TV Licence.
- Guarantees, warranties.
- Libraries, video library.
- Mail order companies.
- Magazine subscriptions.
- Income tax office.
- Employers.
- Professional bodies.
- Clubs and societies.
- Family.
- Friends.
- Estate agent (us!). We want to keep in touch.

AshtonRose – Let's make it easy for you

Home Information Packs (HIPs)

A properly prepared HIP (including an EPC) is compulsory for residential sales since January 2009. If handled well, your HIP can also play an important role in making the sales process smoother.

Ashton Rose has arranged very competitive rates for preparing the documents you need before putting your property on the market and we make sure that all of the necessary information is incorporated into our property details. Sometimes we can even pay for the packs on your behalf – just ask us about this option.

Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs)

Remember that if you are letting a property, you don't need a HIP but you do need to have an EPC.

Above all, a HIP or an EPC should never delay things and in most cases we can produce the documents within five days, allowing us to get your property to market very rapidly once instructed.

For a sample HIPs document please go to www.ashtonrose.co.uk/documents