

PODS moving checklist and advice: Top tips for a less stressful move.

8 WEEKS before Moving Day

- **Get a PODS quote** (visit www.ukpods.co.uk or call 0161 823 2659) and plan your moving method. (PODS container hire, delivery date, loading/unloading services, storage if required)
- **Create a "Moving File"** to keep track of all your estimates, receipts and other important information.
- **If you're moving to a new place you can research your new hometown** online. The Internet is a great resource for local online newspapers and community guides.
- **Create a floor plan of your new home** for furniture and appliance placement.
- **Prepare designs for your new home** by contacting carpenters, painters, plumbers, roofers and other tradesmen so your new home is ready when you move in.
- **Make an inventory of your household goods** and begin to remove clutter (start with the attic, basement, garage and other storage areas).

4 WEEKS before Moving Day

- **Schedule delivery of your PODS containers** (visit www.ukpods.co.uk or call 0161 823 2659).
- **Begin using frozen foods and cleaning supplies** that cannot be moved.
- **Make a list of friends, relatives and businesses** to notify of your move.
- **Acquire and order any packaging and boxes you may need.**
- **Check with your insurance company** to confirm your possessions are covered. Consider the amount of PODS Contents Protection you may wish to purchase.
- **Schedule connection of utility services at your new home**, including electricity, water, gas, cable, Internet, and telephone.
- **Schedule the disconnection of utility services at your old home.** Don't forget to disconnect the day after you move and connect the day before you arrive at your new home.
- [Review PODS packing tips – link to packing tips page.](#)
- **Make any necessary travel plans** for your move.
- **Gather personal and family records** including medical and dental, veterinary and school records, legal and financial documents, birth certificates, passports and insurance documents.

3 WEEKS before Moving Day

- **Properly dispose of items that cannot be moved or thrown out** such as chemicals, pesticides, flammable liquids and batteries.
- **Cancel newspapers and contact the post office to inform them of your move/new address.**
- **Notify any other companies of your change of address** insurance, bank, solicitors, doctors, school etc

2 WEEKS before Moving Day

- **Service your car** in preparation of the move.
- **Return any borrowed items** such as library books, and retrieve all borrowed items.
- **Transfer all prescriptions** and be sure you have an adequate supply of medications.
- **Assemble a file folder of information** to leave for the new owner of your home.

1 WEEK before Moving Day

- **Send change-of-address cards** to everyone who will need to contact you.

- **Pack a suitcase** with clothing and other personal items.
- **Pack a portable TV/stereo** as you may not get around to unpacking and connecting that big screen TV for a few days.
- **Make child care arrangements** for moving day.
- **Continue packing and cleaning as you go** – you can start loading the PODS container if it has already been delivered prior to your move.

THE DAY before Moving Day

- **Confirm your PODS container pickup, delivery date and address at your new home** (info@ukpods.co.uk or 0161 823 2659)
- **Make sure your PODS container padlock keys are in your possession, unless they are arriving on moving day.**
- **Have an adequate amount of cash** for any travel expenses you cannot pay for with a card.
- **Drain power equipment of oil and fuel.**
- **Confirm any travel reservations.**
- **Empty, defrost and clean your refrigerator and freezer** at least 24 hours before moving day. Use the empty space to store household items.
- **Vacuum and make arrangements for disposing of any remaining rubbish.**
- **Disconnect and prepare major appliances.** Separate anything that will travel in your car.
- **Pack a box of items that you will need right away at your new home** and label this box "load last." Place closest to the PODS container door so that you can access it right away.
- **Check every room, cabinet, closet and attic one last time** before deciding everything is loaded.

MOVING DAY

- **Pack your last items** such as mattresses, cots, beds
- **Make sure PODS have your correct new address or you have the address of PODS storage centre if it is going to be stored.**
- **Make a note of your water, electric and gas readings** at both your old and new property
- **Leave a note with your contact information in the house** so that the new residents can forward any items left behind and forward any stray mail.
- **Keep a friend or family member informed** of your moving schedule and contact information in case of an emergency or unforeseen event.

DELIVERY DAY

- **Be sure someone is at your new home when your PODS container is delivered.**
- **Ensure there is access for the PODS container to be delivered and there are no obstructions.**
- **Ensure your utilities have been connected** (if you have just moved in)
- **Enjoy your new home!**