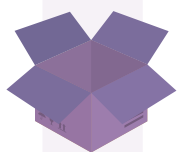




T-minus 3 months



- Budget and book a few days off work for the move.**
- Organise the manpower to help you on moving day.**
 - > Call on the goodwill of friends, family and neighbours.
 - > Choose a mover who is approved by the Belgian Chamber of Movers.
<http://www.cbd-bkv.be>
- Sort, give away, sell, throw.**
 - 💡 Don't hesitate to sell off old belongings using online auction sites or second-hand shops. You could even donate them to charity.
- Remember to keep old boxes and newspapers for packing up your fragile belongings.**
 - 💡 You could even ask your local supermarket for cardboard boxes.

T-minus 1 months



- Warn your energy suppliers and other relevant bodies that you are moving.**
Internet ▶ Telephone ▶ Bank ▶ Employer ▶ TV ▶ Insurance ▶ Unemployment benefit
- Think about what you are going to do about your water, gas and electricity meters.**
 - > For gas and electricity, go to the www.sibelga.be website and click on «moving house». After answering a few questions, you will be told what you need to do depending on your situation.
 - > For water, take a meter reading or fill in the «relevé contradictoire» transfer form. You can find out more on www.hydrobru.be.
- Start emptying out the freezer and cupboards.**
- Put all of the documents to do with the move into a folder.**
- Start filling your boxes.**
 - > Pack up the things you don't use as much first.
 - > Make a list of what is in each of your boxes.
 - > Label the boxes (number, contents, what room they belong in).
 - > Don't pack the boxes too full otherwise they will be too heavy to carry.
 - 💡 Gather together all of your documents and valuables in a briefcase that you will keep with you a on the day of the move.

T-minus 2 weeks

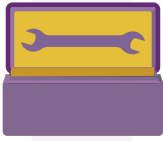


- Arrange for your post to be forwarded by Bpost's moving service.**
- Apply for two street loading permits from the relevant authorities: one for your old home and another for the new one.**
- Arrange for someone to look after your kids or pets on the day of the move.**





T-minus 1 weeks



- Pack an overnight bag with all the essentials for your first night in the new house.
- Give both your old and new homes a thorough clean.
 - 💡 If you don't have time, get a cleaner in to do the job.
- Plan how you are going to organise your new home and think about where you want your furniture to go.
- Unplug the fridge and freezer and clean them out.
- Take a photo of the cables for your electrical devices (TV, satellite box, DVD player, games console, etc.) so that you know how to reconnect them later.

Moving Day



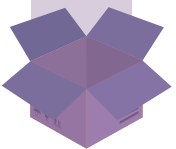
- If the meters are switched on, take gas, electricity and water readings for your new home.
 - > Get the previous owner to countersign the documents for transferring the account.
- Think about what you are going to do about your water, gas and electricity meters.

It is important that the forms are filled in and signed by both parties in order to avoid any disputes and to make sure the meters are not switched off. Switching the meters back on again could take several days and cost you money.

💡 You can download the energy transfer document from [sibelga.be/déménagement](https://sibelga.be/deménagement).

- Do a property inspection with the owner of your old house and give them the keys.
- Don't forget to reward the troops.
 - > Make sure there are some drinks and snacks in the house for everyone who has lent a hand.

After Moving



- Do a property inspection of the new house with the previous owner.
- Inform the local authorities of your new address within 8 days of moving.

💡 Once your ID card is updated, the following institutions will be automatically informed.

- > Social security
- > Health insurance
- > CPAS
- > Kind en Gezin / ONE
- > Child benefit
- > Regional housing associations
- > Holiday bonus funds
- > Forem, ACTIRIS or the VDAB (regional employment and training services) unless you are a jobseeker

- Organise a house-warming party to celebrate a successful move!

