



On Moving Day

?How are you moving your stuff in?

Some useful things to have when you move in:

- 1. Light bulbs** - economy light bulbs use less power and will therefore reduce your bills.
- 2. Cleaning stuff**
- 3. Furnishings?** Do you need furniture and appliances? Ask friends and family if they have any unwanted furniture. There are furniture schemes where you can get cheaper second-hand furniture and appliances. (see useful Contact Numbers) Have you got any money to pay for them? If not there are budget loans and crisis loans available from the DWP.

What you must do when you have got the key to your place:

(It's useful to write information down and keep it in the same place as all written information on your new home)

- ✓ Take a meter reading for electricity and gas. Try to find out your supplier (your landlord should be able to tell you this)
- ✓ Find out if water is included in the rent (your landlord will know).
- ✓ Find out about fire escapes and procedures.
- ✓ Do you have to pay council tax? If so how much is it? You will need to ring or go to the local town hall for this. You may be eligible for a council tax reduction
- ✓ It is very important to inform people of your change of address. These include:
 - Housing Benefit Office
 - DWP
 - Bank/Building Society/Savings Accounts
 - Doctor/dentist/hospital
 - DVLA (for any vehicle registration and/or driving licence)
 - Family and friends
 - Employers/schools/colleges
 - TV licence
 - Probation Officer
 - Social Worker

It is a good idea to leave a forwarding address at your last residence to prevent any mail not reaching you when you move.