

8 Ways to Save When Moving House in 2023

Moving house is notorious for being one of the most stressful things you can do, and the process is also very expensive, with the cost of moving house being [just under £10,000](#) without factoring in the price of the property you are buying. Therefore it is always in your best interest to stop the costs piling up and try and find as many ways to save as possible.

Here at Compare My Move, we have researched the top 8 ways to save money when moving house in 2023, and how they impact the costs of your move.



Comparing Moving Services

Using comparison websites such as [Compare My Move](#) is a great way to easily find the best prices available to you. It is estimated that simply comparing your moving services before buying them can save you up to 70% on the costs of these services. This saves you time as well as money, as the right, accredited, companies will already be in the system and available to you, meaning that you will not have to spend your time searching and comparing - as it is done for you.

Most comparison websites will only work with licensed, trusted, and fully insured companies, which can also save you a lot of money down the line if anything was to go wrong with your service.

Leverage Your Valuables

If you are moving out of a house that you have lived in for a while, or are downsizing and won't be able to fit all of your items in the new house, you can leverage any valuable items to offset the cost of your move. There are two ways you can do this, yourself, or using a [house clearance company](#) with experience in valuing items for sale.

The main advantage of doing this yourself is that you will often get more money for the valuables you find. This is because you don't have to pay for someone to clear and value your items, and can take the entirety of the profit for yourself. However, you'll pay for this in time and effort, as it can take a while to research and find how much you could sell your valuables for. The price you sell your valuables for may not be as accurate as it would be with an experienced house clearance company or professional.

When using a house clearance company, they'll do the work for you, sifting through the things that need to be cleared and finding the valuables that they can sell. Usually, house clearance companies will buy these items off of you at trade price and deduct them from your house clearance costs, if the price of your valuables exceeds the house clearance costs, you will be given the excess as profit.

Using Online Calculators

There are multiple tools online that can help you save money when moving house, but using an accurate calculator, such as Compare My Move's [Conveyancing Calculator](#), can help you know exactly what you should be paying for services such as a conveyancer. Therefore you know whether the quote you're getting is a good deal or a complete rip-off without having to manually work out the costs yourself.

You can also use calculators to estimate the entire costs that will come with moving your home, there are many [Cost of Moving Home Calculators](#) and guides available that supply you with a figure to work with and budget with. You can then plan for every step of your moving home journey accordingly.

Choosing The Right Day to Move

The day you move can have an impact on the price you pay and the availability of your ideal removals company. **Compare My Move data has found that Tuesdays are the most expensive day for moving house**, with Sundays being the cheapest days. The most popular day to move house is Friday and, should you need to hire a removals company for a Friday, you should plan ahead.

The time of year also has an impact on your house removals. Compare My Move has found that the summer is definitely the busiest time to move house, with August being the busiest month. This means that removals companies in the summer are going to be a lot more competitive during the summer months, and will need to be booked well in advance.

De-clutter and Discard

The cost of a removals company will largely depend on two things, the volume of items and the distance travelled. Simply put if you have fewer items to move, the cheaper your move is going to be, so de-cluttering and discarding items that you don't want to take with you to your new property can be a great way to get the best price possible on your removals service.

You should be thinking about what you need and what you don't need to take to your new property as early as possible. That way you do not need to make rash decisions closer to your moving date, a good way of doing this is looking at things that are unused now, and really thinking whether they are worth the extra moving costs.

Compare Utility Providers

Moving is a great time to reassess your utility providers and save some money while doing so. A lot of people will stay with their current utility companies simply out of brand loyalty and ease, and sometimes staying with your utility company can be the best offer, however, a lot of the time utility companies will give deals or discounts to people who are using them for the first time.

If you want to stay with your current utility company but see others with lower offers, you can contact your current provider and let them know that the other offer is available and more attractive than your current offer and they could give you a discount or a deal for staying with them.

Redirect Your Mail

You will have to pay a redirection fee when you move to another house if you want your mail to come directly to you. Here are the prices for mail redirection in the UK.

Duration	Lead Applicant Fee	Extra Person Fee
Up to 3 months	£33.99	£8.00
Up to 6 months	£47.99	£9.00
Up to 12 months	£68.99	£10.00

Data is taken from [PostOffice](#).

Depending on the length of time you'd like your mail redirected, and the number of people that will need their mail directed, this could cost quite a lot. However, it has the potential to cost a lot more if you do not redirect your mail.

Overdue bills, fines, or other costly letters could be posted to the wrong address, and get you in a lot of legal and financial trouble if gone unanswered. Therefore, it is also important to inform all of the relevant authorities about your address change as soon as possible - as well as any family, friends, and subscriptions.

Finding Free Packing Materials and Packing Yourself

Removals companies will often add an extra fee for helping you pack or providing packing materials for you, therefore you can save money by doing this yourself. If you cannot pack on your own, then try and enlist some family or friends to help you, and start early, try to start packing things that you aren't really going to use well before your moving date to avoid a rush and having to pay for help.

When it comes to free packing materials, there are a lot of outlets such as Gumtree, Freecycle, and Facebook Marketplace that will list items such as cardboard boxes for free in order to get rid of them. You can also go to local shops, bookstores and markets to simply ask if you can take home some cardboard boxes - as often, packing materials are thrown straight into the recycling when a business is finished with them.

David Sayce, Co-Founder of [Compare My Move](#) had this to say on saving money when moving house:

"Here at Compare My Move we are constantly analysing new and old ways Brits can save money and effort on their move. Moving home can be a very expensive ordeal, so finding ways to reduce this cost as much as possible is crucial and can really make a difference to the ease of the move. It is important to always do your research into the different aspects of your move, and the exact costs of these aspects before you delve into your move."

Owner and Managing Director of Compare My Move, Dave Sayce