

Checklist for moving house

When you move house in Finland, remember to do the following:

Tenancy agreement

- Sign a tenancy agreement for the new dwelling with the lessor.
- Cancel the tenancy agreement for the old dwelling in time, remember the notice period! (Example: If you give notice to the lessor in January, for example, you still need to pay the rent for February. If you give notice in February, you still need to pay the rent for March etc.)

Payment of rent

- Pay the rent of the old dwelling until the end of the notice period.
- Pay the rent security deposit for the new dwelling.
- Request that the owner of the dwelling flat returns you the deposit. Give your account number for that purpose.

Notification of move to the local register office or post office

- Submit the notification of move immediately when you know that you will move, that is, before you move.
- You can submit the notification of move online using your online bank credentials <https://www.posti.fi/changeaddress/> or pick up the notification form from the post office. Once you have submitted the notification, you will receive mail at your new address from the date of the move onwards. You can also use to the services of your (new) home municipality immediately.

House manager

- Inform the house manager of your old dwelling that you are moving away.
- Inform the house manager of your new dwelling that you are moving in. If you live in a VVO dwelling, you need not inform the house manager.

Notify your new address

Also notify your new address to the following places:

- bank
- insurance company
- employer
- TE office if you are its customer
- school or daycare centre
- magazines that you subscribe to
- operator, which is the company for which you pay for the use of your mobile phone and the Internet
- organisations, clubs and associations in which you are active
- relatives and friends.

Kela's housing allowance

- If you are entitled to a housing allowance, submit a housing allowance application to Kela. You can submit the housing allowance application on the Internet on www.kela.fi or pick up the application form from a Kela office. If you are already receiving housing allowance, remember to notify Kela of the details of your new dwelling.

Electricity contract

- Make an electricity contract with the electricity company or agree on the transfer of electricity to the new dwelling.

Home insurance

- Get home insurance or notify the information of the new dwelling to your insurance company (you can take the tenancy agreement with you when you visit the insurance company).

Pets

- If you have a pet, check whether pets are permitted in the new dwelling.

Parking and sauna times

- If you have a parking space, cancel it and return the key of the heating post.
- Book a parking space or sauna bathing time for your new dwelling if you need them.

Moving

- For example, you can ask stores for cardboard boxes and pack your items in them. Pack your items before the moving date.
- Have a removal van for moving the items. You can ask for an offer from removal firms.
- You can ask relatives and friends to help you carry the items.

Keys

- Return all keys of the old dwelling to the lessor (entrance door, store room, parking place).

Housing rules and regulations

- Check out the rules and regulations of the housing company. They are shown on the noticeboard in the stairway.

Store room

- Empty and clean the store room.
- Check whether the new dwelling has a store room. Sometimes, you may need to buy a lock for the store room.

Cleaning before moving

- Remember to clean up your old dwelling when you move away!

Final inspection and removal inspection

- Agree with the lessor about the final inspection of the old dwelling.
- Agree with the new lessor about the removal inspection. Together, record all of the faults and defects found in the new dwelling!