

Free Moving Budget Planner & Deposit Checklist

Estimate your moving costs, track deposits, compare quotes, and avoid hidden charges using a printable planning worksheet.

1. COMPREHENSIVE MOVING COST ESTIMATOR

Expense Category & Item Details	Estimated Cost	Actual Spend
Removal Service Quote <i>Base transport crew, mileage, and vehicle loading/unloading.</i>	£ _____	£ _____
Packing Materials & Heavy-Duty Crates <i>Double-walled boxes, bubble wrap, tape, and mattress covers.</i>	£ _____	£ _____
Parking Permits & Council Suspensions <i>Borough bay suspensions or temporary loading zone access fees.</i>	£ _____	£ _____
ULEZ & Congestion Route Fees <i>Daily municipal transport charges if passing through central zones.</i>	£ _____	£ _____

2. DEPOSIT PROTECTION & RETURN CHECKLIST

- ☐ **Conduct End-of-Tenancy Deep Clean**
Clean appliances, carpets, and windows thoroughly to satisfy lease inventory conditions and recover full security deposit.
- ☐ **Document Property Condition (Photos & Video)**
Take timestamped photos of all rooms, walls, fixtures, and appliances right after clearing items out.
- ☐ **Log Final Meter Readings & Clear Utility Balances**
Photograph gas, water, and electricity meters on key return day to prevent overcharges from outgoing suppliers.
- ☐ **Verify Deposit Scheme Protection (TDS / DPS)**
Confirm new tenancy deposit is registered with an approved protection service within statutory timelines.

3. QUOTE COMPARISON & HIDDEN FEE AUDIT

- ☐ **Audit Stair / Lift Access Surcharges**
Ensure removal quotes account for floor levels, narrow stairwells, or long carries to avoid unexpected moving-day additions.
- ☐ **Confirm Transit Insurance & Coverage Limits**
Verify Goods in Transit and Public Liability policy caps to ensure complete coverage during transport.
- ☐ **Review Key Waiting Time Policy**
Check quote conditions for key delay fees if property handover is delayed by estate agents or conveyancers.

TOTAL ESTIMATED BUDGET

TOTAL ACTUAL COSTS

MONEY-SAVING TIP FROM SAMEDAY REMOVALS

Booking parking bay suspensions at least 10–14 days in advance with your local council prevents costly PCN tickets on moving day and keeps removal loading smooth and on schedule.