

Welcome to your new home!
 Follow this Moving In Checklist to
 ensure a happy and successful
 move into your new home.

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Checks	Done
<p>Tenancy Agreement Do you have a copy? If not ask your landlord or letting agent for a copy.</p>	
<p>Bond/Deposit Do you know your deposit ID and where your bond is protected? If not check with your Landlord or Letting Agent. Check when your rent is due, don't make late payments.</p>	
<p>Inventory Check the inventory before you agree it. Take photos of the property when you move in so you have a record of what condition it was in. Ask for any repairs to be done in writing.</p>	
<p>How things work Do you know how the hot water works, how the doors and windows lock and where the gas safety and water stop taps are? If not ask your landlord or letting agent.</p>	
<p>Gas, Electricity and water Have you contacted your supplier with meter reading? Are your bills included in your rent?</p>	
<p>Health and Safety Have you registered with a local GP? To find a GP near you visit www.nhs.uk/service-search. Are the smoke detectors working? For information on fire safety visit www.avonfire.gov.uk</p>	
<p>TV License Have you got one? www.tvlicensing.co.uk</p>	
<p>Rubbish and Recycling Do you know your collection day? Visit the Council website and put your postcode into the 'Services in Your Area' section for lots of useful information including how to recycle and when your collection day is www.bathnes.gov.uk. Make sure you use the correct containers to help prevent gulls and other pests breaking into your rubbish.</p>	
<p>Neighbours Have you introduced yourself to your new neighbours? They will be a good source of information about the local area.</p>	
<p>Security Make sure you lock doors and windows when you leave the house. Register items free on Immobilise (www.immobilise.com). To find out who your local Police team are visit www.avonandsomerset.police.uk . Do you have insurance for your belongings?</p>	
<p>Council Tax and registering address at University You need to register your new address with your university and apply for Council Tax exemption. Find out how here: http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/council-tax-benefits-and-grants/council-tax/information-students</p>	

TOP 10 TIPS FOR LIVING IN BATH

- 1. Introduce yourself to your neighbours when you move in .** Your neighbours will appreciate the effort you made to introduce yourselves from the start. That way you can get in contact with each other if there are any problems
- 2. Get involved in the local community.** You can do this in different ways. Volunteering offers you a chance to become involved in a project or with an organisation you really care about or develop a new skill. It's also a great opportunity to meet new people. Keep an eye out for community events – be it a fete, a jumble sale, a concert, a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme or a Residents' Meeting.
- 3. Explore your neighbourhood.** There can be lots going on in community centres, libraries and parks. There are also lots of independent shops and markets to explore in Bath. Visit our website for more information.
- 4. Respect your neighbours.** Whether, student or non student, remember that if you are coming home late, there's a high probability you'll wake at least one house up if you are shouting down the street. Keep noise to minimum. Remember noise travels a long way, particularly at night time.
- 5. Register to vote.** This is how you can have a say on the issues that affect your neighbourhood, as well as who gets elected to Parliament and even to Europe. It's really important that everyone in a community engages with local decision making.
- 6. If you are having a party let your neighbours know in advance.** Agree a time that it will finish and give them the number of someone to contact. If your neighbours have your number they are much more likely to contact you if there is a problem. Keep doors and windows closed, and keep noise to a reasonable level. Move speakers, TV's and sound systems away from walls joining your neighbours' property. Ask your guests to leave quietly.
- 7. Use public transport or a bike.** Bath is a small city with regular buses to both Universities. Be considerate if you are a car owner; please park your car thoughtfully.
- 8. Find out when the bin day is.** There is lots of useful information on our website about what containers you need. www.townandgown.org.uk
- 9. Love where you live.** Check your tenancy agreement- are you responsible for maintaining your garden? If it is you, keep your garden tidy. If you don't your landlord could charge you for gardening needed at the end of your tenancy.
- 10. Enjoy living in Bath and being part of the local community!**