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Moving Home: Making your Energy Changing Painless by David Samson

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They were the best of times, they were the worst of times,

Moving home is full of both the excitement of moving up into an exciting new life, whilst being one of the most logistically stressful procedures of your life. There is so much to organise and prepare in order to make your new life comfortable; packing up your whole life and moving it all to a different part of the world, bills are the last thing most of us want to think about.

But they have to be done, it is vital to terminate the supply to your old home and just as important to organise a new supply ready for your new house.

First task is to cancel the supply to the home you are leaving. Have a quick look at your meter and take a note of your final reading and write down the serial numbers on your meters, this information will profit you in the long term. When you call up the supplier to your current home you can either e-mail or post them the information on your meter to make sure that you only have to pay for the energy that you have used. The supplier will then send you a final bill.

This is really handy to save you having to pay for more than you used, forgetting to inform your supplier that you're leaving will cause them to keep supplying more energy and more bills that you may be required to pay for. On top of the cost of moving all of your possessions, hiring movers and taking time off work to organise it all, you really won't want the needless cost of a superfluous bill.

Moving into your new property you will want to settle on a new energy supplier. To find out who the current supplier your future home is registered with you can try asking current residents.

When you move into the new house make sure you, again, take current meter readings. Then call up your supplier to inform them of the change, ask for any information to be sent in your name and inform them of the meter reading, this way you can avoid spending on energy they provided before you moved in.

If electric or gas supplies have been cut off to the property before you move in they may incur activation charges, contacting your supplier will inform you all you need to know about this.

Once you're settling in it is also very prudent to do a little research into better deals you might find. Browse price comparison websites like energychoices to find out all your options; the house's current provider might not suit your own conditions and other companies might provide a more cost effective service.

Although there's no way of avoiding the hassle of dealing with the changeover of energy suppliers, understanding clearly the steps you need to take can make the process at least seem simpler and more manageable in the face of the mountain of other tasks you face trying to move your family into a new home.

And remember, it will all have been worth it by the time you're settled into your new home, warmed with the best energy supplier who have been able to find.

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