

CHECKLIST · ARLINGTON

Moving to Arlington, VA Checklist: The First 90 Days

What newcomers should do, in order, with deadlines and where to do it. Print it and check items off.

SHORT ANSWER

If you are subject to the address-reporting requirement, report your new address to USCIS within 10 days. In the first week, set up electricity, gas, and the county's single water/sewer/trash account, and enroll your children at APS. Virginia gives you a 30-day window to title and register your vehicle and a separate 60-day window for a driver's license; in Arlington you must also register your vehicle with the county (Commissioner of Revenue).

First 10 days

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Report your address to USCIS (AR-11)	As a general rule, required for most noncitizens, including green card holders; A and G visa holders and Visa Waiver visitors are exempt. uscis.gov/addresschange
☐ In immigration court? File EOIR-33	Within 5 days: respondentaccess.eoir.justice.gov
☐ ICE check-in obligations?	Update ICE too at portal.ice.gov
☐ Change your address with USPS	Separate from USCIS; one does not update the other.

First week

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Electricity	Dominion Energy Virginia; its online start-service form asks for an SSN, and new customers may pay a deposit (connection charge \$5.70). If you have no SSN, call before your move date and ask what ID they accept.
☐ Natural gas	Washington Gas, 844-927-4427 (844-WASHGAS). Give at least 2 business days' notice; the Virginia gas-on fee is \$14.85 and a deposit may be required.

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Water, sewer, and trash (one county account)	Arlington County Department of Environmental Services, 703-228-5000, weekdays 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call at least 1 business day ahead; the new-account fee is \$40. If you rent a house, service will not start until the county receives the owner's signed authorization form. In apartments and condos, water, sewer, and trash are usually handled through management.
☐ Trash and recycling	Single-family homes, duplexes, and some townhouses get weekly trash, recycling, and food-scrap pickup (black, blue, and green carts). Set carts out by 6 a.m. on collection day, not before 5 p.m. the day before. Glass does not go in the blue cart; it goes to the county's glass drop-off sites.
☐ School enrollment	APS Welcome Center (2110 Washington Blvd., 703-228-8000, option 1) or your neighborhood school.
☐ Library card	Arlington Public Library cards are free; one ID (a passport is accepted) and one proof of address appear to be enough, but confirm on the library site before you go. Central Library: 1015 N. Quincy St.
☐ If you have a dog	Arlington requires a county license for dogs 6 months or older.

Within 30 days: the vehicle

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Virginia insurance	Minimum \$50,000/\$100,000 bodily injury, \$25,000 property damage (effective January 1, 2025).
☐ Title your vehicle	Within 30 days, at DMV Arlington, DMV Arlington Metro (Va. Square), or the county DMV Select desk. Title fee \$15.
☐ Register your vehicle	Within the same 30 days. Because Arlington is an emissions area, an inspection may be required first (maximum \$30).
☐ Arlington County vehicle registration (Commissioner of Revenue)	DMV does not pass this to the county. Register through CAPP (capp.arlingtonva.us) or at 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Window 218; the county code says 60 days, and the late penalty is 10% or \$10. 703-228-3135.
☐ E-ZPass Virginia account	Open one if you will use the I-66 Express Lanes or other toll roads; customer service 1-877-762-7824.
☐ Residential permit parking (RPP)	If you live in a permit zone, apply for the electronic permit at arlingtonvaparking.cmrapay.com; 703-228-3344.

Within 60 days: the driver's license

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Virginia driver's license or Driver Privilege Card	If you do not qualify for a standard license, apply for a DPC instead (no SSN required, an ITIN is accepted). Go to DMV Arlington (4150 S. Four Mile Run Dr.) or DMV Arlington Metro (3434 N. Washington Blvd.).

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ If you hold a Turkish license	You will need the knowledge and road skills tests, since Türkiye is not on Virginia's reciprocity list; the knowledge exam is offered in Turkish.

30 days is a separate window for titling and registering your vehicle; 60 days applies only to the driver's license. Do not mix up these two deadlines.

If you have no health insurance

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Clinics on the county's list	Arlington Free Clinic (adults 18+, uninsured, Arlington residents who have lived in the U.S. at least 6 months, income-based, by appointment, 703-979-1400); Neighborhood Health (all ages, sliding fee based on income, 703-535-5568); VHC Outpatient Clinic (Arlington residents, flat fee per visit, 703-558-6144). Each has its own rules, so call first.
☐ Not sure where to start	The county's help line, 703-228-1300 (food, housing, jobs, clinics).

Within 90 days and beyond

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Turkish citizens: consulate services	Turkish Embassy consular section, Washington, D.C., appointments at konsolosluk.gov.tr
☐ If you own your home: real estate tax	The 2026 rate is \$1.053 per \$100 of assessed value, in two installments, June 15 and October 5 (confirm on the county payment page).
☐ Real estate tax relief (owners 65+ or with disabilities)	Filing deadline November 16, 2026; Department of Human Services, 2100 Washington Blvd., 3rd Floor, 703-228-1350. Confirm the income and asset limits directly with the county.
☐ If you rent	Housing Information Center, 703-228-3765 (tenant-landlord questions, housing help). Virginia has no rent control; the deposit is capped at 2 months' rent and must be returned within 45 days.

IF YOU ARE NOT A U.S. CITIZEN

- Never check "U.S. citizen" on any form and never register to vote; only U.S. citizens may vote in Virginia, and Arlington jury service also requires citizenship.
- Talk to an immigration attorney before applying for SNAP or any other public benefit: a new public charge rule took effect on September 18, 2026.
- Check your I-94 at i94.cbp.dhs.gov.
- With a green card application pending, do not travel abroad without advance parole.



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