

CHECKLIST · BOCA RATON

Moving to Boca Raton, FL 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, start electric service with FPL, open a water account with the City of Boca Raton or Palm Beach County Water Utilities depending on your address (some Boca Raton addresses are outside the city limits), and enroll your children in Palm Beach County schools. You have 30 days for a Florida driver's license, and 10 days for vehicle registration once you start a job or enroll a child in school. If you own your home, the homestead exemption deadline is March 1, and hurricane season means checking your Palm Beach County evacuation zone.

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.
☐ Started a job or enrolled a child in school?	Your 10-day window for vehicle registration has started, see below.

First week

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Electric (FPL)	Start service at fpl.com or call 1-888-988-8249. The online order asks for an SSN, driver's license number or social insurance number; if none of these is available you can still submit the order and upload another verifiable ID. FPL runs a credit check, and any deposit is calculated for your situation.

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Water, sewer and trash	First find out whether your address is inside the City of Boca Raton; part of the addresses with a Boca Raton mailing address are outside the city (unincorporated). Inside the city: City Utility Services, application on the customer portal plus a lease or closing statement, at least 24 hours ahead; the bill comes every two months and covers water, sewer and garbage. The deposit is typically \$300 to \$375 for renters and \$100 to \$125 for owners, refundable with interest when you close the account. Water billing: 561-393-7750. Outside the city: Palm Beach County Water Utilities (561-740-4600) for water and the Solid Waste Authority (561-697-2700) for trash.
☐ Trash and recycling (inside the city)	City Sanitation, 561-416-3367. Curbside service is \$27.90 per month on the water bill; garbage is collected twice a week, recycling and vegetation once a week. Call the same number for free recycling bins.
☐ School enrollment	School District of Palm Beach County, Admissions & Family Experience: (561) 434-8197; find your zoned school with "Find My School".
☐ Library card	A Boca Raton Public Library card is free only for residents of the city or the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District (photo ID, passport included, plus a proof of address such as a lease longer than 3 months, an FPL bill or a water bill). Everyone else pays \$200 a year, \$300 for a family. The Palm Beach County Library System card is free for children who live in the county or attend a county school.
☐ City services (no 311)	Boca Raton has no 311 line; use "Report a Concern" or the My Boca app for non-emergency requests. Code enforcement complaints require a name and address. AlertBoca sends storm and sanitation alerts.

Within 30 days

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Florida driver's license	Within 30 days of establishing residency. Exams are given in English only. Reservations are required at the Palm Beach County Tax Collector (nearest to Boca Raton: 501 S. Congress Ave, Delray Beach, (561) 355-2264). flhsmv.gov/new-resident

Within 10 days (from starting a job or enrolling in school)

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Vehicle registration, title and Florida insurance	Minimum \$10,000 PIP plus \$10,000 PDL. At a Palm Beach County Tax Collector center by reservation; a VIN verification may be required.
☐ SunPass account (if you will use toll roads)	SunPass Mini \$4.99 or PRO \$14.95, at SunPass.com.

Within 90 days and beyond

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Homestead exemption, if you own your home	Deadline every year is March 1. The Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's page asks for the Social Security numbers of all applying owners, a Florida driver's license or ID, and, for noncitizens, proof of permanent residency; if you do not have an SSN, ask the office before you apply. Office near Boca Raton: South County Service Center, 14925 Cumberland Drive, Delray Beach, 561-276-1250.
☐ Property tax	Bills open in November; you get a 4% discount for paying in November, 3% in December, 2% in January and 1% in February.
☐ Hurricane preparedness	Look up your address in Palm Beach County's evacuation zone tool (readyabc.org and discover.pbc.gov/oem). The city says it uses the county's evacuation maps and strongly urges barrier-island residents to evacuate. People in mobile or manufactured homes and in substandard construction must evacuate in a hurricane warning.
☐ Turkish citizens: consulate services	Turkish Consulate General in Miami (roughly 45 to 50 miles, about 1 hour without traffic), appointments at konsolosluk.gov.tr

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 Florida.
- Talk to an immigration attorney before applying for SNAP, Florida KidCare or any 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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