

CHECKLIST · CHERRY HILL

Moving to Cherry Hill, NJ 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, call PSE&G for electricity, work out your street's water and gas providers (New Jersey American Water or the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission; PSE&G or South Jersey Gas), and enroll your children through the Genesis portal. If you rent, the Township's Rental Housing certificate must be issued before you move in. New Jersey gives you a single 60-day window to transfer your out-of-state license and register your vehicle, unlike a state that splits those into separate 30- and 90-day deadlines.

Before you move in and in the first week (renters)

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Rental Housing Certificate of Occupancy	In Cherry Hill, every change of tenant needs this certificate for the rental unit, and tenants may not move in until it is issued. Fee \$65 (+\$20 where a lead-paint inspection is required); Community Development, (856) 488-7870. Ask your landlord for it.
☐ Rent increase dispute (if any)	The Township's Rent Review Board hears landlord rent-increase applications: (856) 488-7870. Ask your landlord in writing whether your building falls under the Township's rent-control rules.

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	PSE&G, 1-800-436-7734.
☐ Natural gas	PSE&G or South Jersey Gas (1-888-766-9900). Check a previous bill or ask the landlord; if in doubt, call both companies.
☐ Water	Depending on your street: New Jersey American Water (1-800-272-1325) or the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission ((856) 663-0043). If you are not sure, call the Township at (856) 488-7880.
☐ Sewer	A separate bill: the Township's flat annual fee (due April 1) plus a Camden County (CCMUA) bill (due the 15th of February, May, August and November, per the Township's new-resident packet).
☐ Trash and recycling	Public Works, 1 Perina Blvd, (856) 424-4422. Trash, recycling and yard waste are collected once a week; bulk trash goes out on the same day. Appliances and metal are picked up on Thursdays by appointment: call by 3 p.m. Wednesday.
☐ School enrollment	Genesis portal and the Registration Office, 45 Ranoldo Terrace, (856) 429-5600, ext. 4429. Details: chclc.org
☐ Library card	Free for Cherry Hill residents (2-year card, photo ID needed). 1100 Kings Highway North, (856) 667-0300. Free ESOL classes are offered.
☐ Reporting a city problem	Cherry Hill has no 311 line: use the "Report a Concern" form, the My Cherry Hill app, or Constituent Services at (856) 488-7878, connect@chnj.gov .

Within 60 days

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ New Jersey insurance	Standard Policy minimums: \$35,000 / \$70,000 bodily injury, \$25,000 property damage.
☐ Vehicle registration	MVC appointment (telegov.njportal.com/njmvc), title, 6 Points of ID, insurance card, Form BA-49. Title fee \$60. Offices: Runnemede, Camden, Delanco, West Deptford.
☐ Vehicle inspection	If required, at the Cherry Hill station: 617 Hampton Rd (weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturdays 7 a.m. to noon).
☐ New Jersey license (Standard License)	6 Points of ID, residency document, SSN/ITIN/affidavit. By appointment at the Runnemede, Camden, Delanco or West Deptford MVC.
☐ E-ZPass NJ account	ezpassnj.com , \$1 monthly account fee. The Philadelphia bridges (DRPA) cost \$6 for cars, charged westbound only.

60 days is the window to transfer your out-of-state license and register your vehicle in New Jersey. If your current license or registration expires sooner, that date applies instead.

Within 90 days and beyond

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Turkish citizens: consulate services	Turkish Consulate General in New York, appointments at konsolosluk.gov.tr
☐ Property tax (owners)	Bills are due quarterly: August 1, November 1, February 1 and May 1 (10-day grace period; postmarks are not accepted). Tax Collector: 820 Mercer St, (856) 488-7880.
☐ Property tax relief (owners and renters)	ANCHOR, Stay NJ and Senior Freeze are all filed on one combined PAS-1 form; the 2025-cycle deadline is November 2, 2026.

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 New Jersey.
- Talk to an immigration attorney before applying for SNAP, NJ FamilyCare 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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