

CHECKLIST • CLIFTON

Moving to Clifton, 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, open water service with the Passaic Valley Water Commission, start electric and gas with PSE&G, and enroll your children through the Clifton Welcome Center. 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.

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
☐ Water service	Passaic Valley Water Commission, 1525 Main Avenue, Clifton, (973) 340-4300, weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pay in person, by mail, by phone (24/7) or online via Paymentus.
☐ Electricity and gas	Most Clifton and Paterson addresses are served by PSE&G for delivery. Compare suppliers at njpowerswitch.com .
☐ Trash and recycling	Clifton DPW, (973) 470-2239, dpw@cliftonnj.org . Regular garbage twice a week, 3-container limit. Use the Recycle Coach app for your schedule.
☐ School enrollment	Clifton Welcome Center, 745 Clifton Avenue, (973) 458-6709, or fridayparentportal.com/clifton/preregistration

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Library card	Free if you live, work or own property in Clifton; otherwise \$50 a year. Main Library (973) 772-5500.

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.
☐ Vehicle inspection	At Wayne or Paramus if required (Lodi temporarily closed, Newark permanently closed).
☐ New Jersey license (Standard License)	6 Points of ID, residency document, SSN/ITIN/affidavit. By appointment at Wayne, Paterson or Lodi.
☐ E-ZPass NJ account	ezpassnj.com , \$1 monthly account fee.

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 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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