

CHECKLIST · FAIRFAX

Moving to Fairfax, 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 water, and enroll your children at FCPS. Virginia gives you a single 30-day window to title and register your vehicle, a separate deadline from the 60 days you get for a driver's license, unlike New Jersey's single 60-day window for both.

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 serves most of Fairfax County; NOVEC serves parts of the western/rural county and some neighboring areas. Check the utility's own site for your specific address.
☐ Natural gas	Washington Gas.
☐ Water	Fairfax Water, 703-698-5600 (general), customer service 703-698-5800, 8570 Executive Park Ave, Fairfax, VA 22031.
☐ Trash and recycling	Most residents choose and pay a private licensed hauler directly; a smaller number are in a county collection district and pay a flat annual Refuse Fee instead. Check which applies to your address with the "Does Fairfax County Pick Up My Trash?" tool at fairfaxcounty.gov .

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ School enrollment	At your zoned school or the nearest FCPS Student Registration Welcome Center.
☐ Library card	Fairfax County Public Library cards are free; register online at fcplcat.fairfaxcounty.gov .

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 any DMV office. Title fee \$15.
☐ Register your vehicle	Within the same 30 days. An emissions inspection may be required first in Fairfax County or the City of Fairfax.
☐ E-ZPass Virginia account	Open one if you will use the Dulles Toll Road, the Express Lanes, or the I-66 Express Lanes; customer service 1-877-762-7824.

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 Fairfax/Westfields (Chantilly) or Fairfax Braddock Road.
☐ 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.

Within 90 days and beyond

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Turkish citizens: consulate services	Turkish Embassy consular section, Washington, D.C., appointments at konsolosluk.gov.tr
☐ Real estate/car tax relief (for seniors or people with disabilities)	Through the Fairfax County Department of Tax Administration; confirm the income and asset limits directly with the county.

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 Fairfax's jury pool is drawn from voter-registration lists.
- 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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