

CHECKLIST · JEFFERSONTOWN

Moving to Jeffersontown: The First 30 Days Checklist (2026)

One question opens the whole list: which municipality is your address in? Write the answer down, because it comes back in the tax, police, garbage and renting questions.

SHORT ANSWER

Open this list with a question: which **municipality** inside Jefferson County is your address in? There are **around eighty separate municipalities** in the county and your mailing address does not tell you. **If you are in Jeffersontown the consequences are concrete: two separate property tax bills** a year, **two separate local wage tax withholdings** from your pay if you work here, the city's **own police force** and its **own garbage calendar**. By contrast **schools, the library, water, sewer, electricity, gas, driver licensing, marriage licenses and vehicle registration are not the city's business**. The second sentence is about schools: **enrollment here is not a registration but an application**, and a newly arrived family **has to apply**. The list below covers the first thirty days.

Day one

TASK	WHERE OR HOW
☐ Look your address up on the official map tool	Search your address on the LOJIC Online map and read the " City: " line under the Parcel Report . Do this before you sign a lease or make an offer. On the number of municipalities three official sources give three close figures - the valuation office 83 , the state registry 82 besides Louisville, and the state map layer 84 ; we print all three and take no side
☐ Register for the alert system	The system is countywide , so here one registration is enough . Enter your address correctly: the system targets geographically , and with the wrong address a tornado warning will not reach you
☐ Do not confuse the city newsletter with that	The notification signup on the city's site is municipal news, not weather alerts - garbage calendar changes, council meetings, the festival. Sign up for both
☐ Gather your documents in one folder	Passports, immigration documents, birth certificates, previous school records, immunization records. Offices want originals and do not accept photocopies

First week: utilities and garbage

TASK	WHERE OR HOW
☐ Find out who your provider is first	The city has no electricity, gas, water or sewer department, and the research could not verify from the city's own pages which utility serves these addresses. We do not say there is none; the research could not find it . Ask your landlord or check an old bill
☐ Open the water account	The utility measured in the county accepts " a valid and current social security number, federal tax identification number, or an employer identification number " - so an ITIN or EIN works. The bill that follows earns you proof of address
☐ Call before filling in the electricity form	The online form of the company measured in the county asks for a full social security number and consent to a credit check , and shows no alternative . We do not say an account cannot be opened without a number; no alternative was found on the form
☐ Hand the Declaration of Domicile to each provider separately	Form 51A380 , given directly to the provider , not to the revenue agency. Skip it and you pay unnecessary sales tax with no retroactive correction . Here the services may be split across more than one utility
☐ Learn your garbage day by street	Garbage is the city's business (Public Works, with a contractor collecting). Recycling is every two weeks on the same day as trash, and yard waste two days later . For a service problem, the contractor: (800) 828-8171
☐ Set up mail forwarding	Forwarding is not a notification . Online, your card's billing address must match the old or the new address; if it does not, go to a post office with photo identification. It takes 7 to 10 business days to take effect

First month: license and vehicle

TASK	WHERE OR HOW
☐ Start the driver license process	The statute says 30 days . There is no office in the city ; the nearest is Hurstbourne , but you may book at any regional office in the state . If you pick an office to the west, ask about the time zone
☐ If you arrived on a Turkish license, prepare for the testing set	Turkey is not on the reciprocity list; the consequence is not a course but vision, written and road tests . Turkish is not among the written test languages
☐ Register the car	In order: Kentucky insurance , then the sheriff's inspection (no appointment, \$15, cards are not accepted), then the Jefferson County Clerk . The agency's own page gives both 10 and 15 days
☐ Do not budget the vehicle tax from the city rate	The city's own rate is 0.000 , but the combined rate here is 1.401 percent against 1.201 percent in central Louisville. The difference is the fire district

Right away: children and health

TASK	WHERE OR HOW
☐ Apply for school	There is no walk-in neighborhood enrollment. The district's term is managed choice ; the 2027-28 window is November 2 to December 18, 2026 and it is not first-come, first-served . If you arrive mid-year, Office of School Choice: (502) 485-6250
☐ Apply for health coverage	The five year waiting period does not apply to children or pregnant people ; application help is free
☐ Plan the four school health documents	The immunization record within two weeks of enrollment; the eye and dental examinations by January 1

First month: money and contracts

TASK	WHERE OR HOW
☐ Before you sign a lease, ask your own city	<i>"Has Jeffersontown adopted the tenant protection act?"</i> The rule is not automatic statewide , and you have to ask your own city, not Louisville Metro . Two sources conflict; we take no side
☐ Photograph the place at move-in and move-out	For the deposit return period three sources say 30 days, 60 days and "no fixed period" , and the official text could not be reached. We publish no figure ; protect yourself procedurally: do not sign a damage list unread, write objections item by item, and leave a written forwarding address
☐ Read your pay stub: there are two withholdings here	The city's own answer: "If I pay occupational tax to Louisville Metro am I required to pay Jeffersontown's occupational tax? Yes." The city's share is 1 percent of gross wages with no exemptions . The Metro share is 2.20 percent for residents and 1.45 percent for non-residents
☐ Ask which municipality the workplace is in	The test is where the work is performed, not where you live . Moving house does not change this withholding; changing jobs does . The rates of the remaining municipalities were not measured ; do not generalize
☐ If you start a business, register with the city within ten days	The city's own words: register and pay the \$75 annual business license fee within 10 days of starting business
☐ If you are marrying, go to the county clerk	The Jefferson County Clerk issues the license, not the city. There is no waiting period and no blood test , both parties apply together in person, and the license is valid 30 days and only within Kentucky. The Attorney General's guide says foreign documents should be accepted . Confirm the fee with the county clerk
☐ If you bought a home, update your billing address with the valuation office	Both bills come from there : the city's in the first week of October , the sheriff's in early November . The discount windows differ: 2 percent through October 31 with the city, 2 percent November 1 to December 1 with the sheriff. The debt runs even if the bill never reaches you
☐ If you are 65 or older or totally disabled, apply for the homestead exemption	\$49,100 comes off the assessment, a passport is accepted as proof of age, and the city applies it to its own bill as well

TASK	WHERE OR HOW
☐ Buy the flood policy	The state's sentence: " Flooding is Kentucky's #1 most frequent and costly natural disaster. " Homeowner policies do not cover flooding and there is a 30 day waiting period . More than 20 percent of claims come from outside high risk areas; renters can buy it too
☐ Get a library card	Because the rule is countywide it is free, and there is a branch in the neighborhood: 10635 Watterson Trail . The card brings language software in more than 110 languages and citizenship test preparation

KEEP TRACKING AFTER DAY THIRTY

- **10 days on a change of status:** the statute requires an application to update the license **within 10 days** of any change in immigration status.
- **Changing insurers:** online registration renewal stays closed until **45 days** have passed with the new company.
- **A debt on another vehicle:** delinquent vehicle tax **locks the renewal on your other vehicles too**.
- **Even moving within the city can change four things:** which side of the municipal boundary you are on, **your garbage day**, **which fire district** you are in and **your school application**. Look the new address up on the map again.
- **If you own a home, one address update removes two risks:** the city's calendar records a **city lien as of May 1**, and the sheriff's allows the bill to be **sold to a third party after April 15**.

What is deliberately missing from this list

We write down what we do not publish, because you will notice it is absent. This guide contains **no street addresses for the immigration agency, immigration enforcement, customs and border protection or the social security administration** - book through **the agency's own system**, do not pay intermediary sites, official systems are free. **There is no name for the electricity or gas provider** (it could not be verified from the city's own pages). **No figure for the deposit return period** (sources conflict). **No base annual registration and plate fee** (not found on the agency's pages). **No winter tire rule** - we do not say there is none, **the research could not find one**. And **no population, distance or drive time figures of any kind**.



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