

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · LOUDOUN COUNTY

Loudoun County Car Registration, Inspection, E-ZPass, Dulles Greenway and Car Tax Guide 2026

For cars brought from another state, cars bought in Virginia, and anyone commuting on the Dulles Greenway, the Dulles Toll Road, or the Silver Line.

SHORT ANSWER

After moving to Virginia, you have 30 days to title your vehicle, then a separate 30 days to register it, a different window from the 60 days you get for a license. Loudoun County is one of the localities that require an emissions inspection before a vehicle's first registration. Insurance minimums have been \$50,000/\$100,000/\$25,000 since January 1, 2025. Loudoun County reduced its \$25 vehicle license fee to \$0 on January 1, 2025, and its 2026 car tax rate is \$3.09 per \$100 of assessed value.

Step by step: title and registration

- 1 Get Virginia insurance.** Minimum liability coverage effective January 1, 2025: \$50,000 per person / \$100,000 per accident bodily injury, \$25,000 property damage (the 2022-2024 minimums were \$30,000/\$60,000/\$20,000).
- 2 Title your vehicle within 30 days.** Moving from another state requires a completed title/registration application, proof of address, your prior state's title or registration card, and proof of purchase price if bought in the last 12 months. The title fee is \$15.
- 3 Register within the same 30 days** at any DMV customer service center. Loudoun County is an emissions-inspection area, so a car garaged here needs an emissions inspection first unless it already has a valid certificate.

Fees (2026)

ITEM	AMOUNT
Title fee	\$15
Registration, passenger vehicle up to 4,000 lbs	\$30.75/year
Registration, passenger vehicle 4,001-6,500 lbs	\$35.75/year
Electric vehicle Highway Use Fee (in addition to registration)	\$135.63
Sales and use tax	4.15%, \$75 minimum

Multi-year registration discount: 2-year registration saves \$3 online/by phone or \$2 by mail/in person; 3-year registration saves \$4 online/by phone or \$3 by mail/in person. But a vehicle garaged in an emissions locality like Loudoun County is not eligible for the 3-year discount unless it has more than a year left on its emissions cycle, or is being registered for the first time.

Emissions and safety inspection

- **Emissions inspection required.** Loudoun County is on Virginia's list of localities that require an emissions inspection before a vehicle's first registration (alongside Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William, and Stafford counties and the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park), unless you already hold a valid certificate less than 12 months old. Vehicles registered in this area pay an extra \$2 on top of the standard registration fee. Contact the Department of Environmental Quality: 703-583-3900 (local) or 1-800-275-3844 (toll-free in Virginia). Ask DEQ for a list of inspection stations near you.
 - **Safety inspection is separate and required statewide.** Every vehicle needs an annual safety-inspection sticker from a licensed private repair shop, not from DMV. For locations or questions, DMV points to the Virginia State Police: (804) 674-2000. Driving without a valid sticker can lead to a fine and a mark on your driving record.
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Insurance minimums and the risk of lapsing

Minimum liability coverage for policies effective on or after January 1, 2025: \$50,000 per person and \$100,000 per accident for bodily injury, \$25,000 for property damage. Statutory basis: Code of Virginia § 46.2-472. If coverage lapses, you must reinsure, deactivate the plates, or surrender them. Uninsured owners pay a \$600 non-compliance fee, must file an SR-22 for three years, and pay a reinstatement fee if applicable.

Loudoun County car tax

- **Rate.** Loudoun County's 2026 rate table lists \$3.09 per \$100 of assessed value for autos, campers, and motorcycles (also \$3.09 for electric vehicles). There is no local income tax.
- **Where you are taxed.** A vehicle registered with DMV to a Loudoun address is taxed in the county. Personal property tax is due May 5 and October 5 each year; rates are set every April.
- **No county vehicle license fee (decal).** Loudoun County cut its \$25 vehicle license fee to \$0 effective January 1, 2025. The county still collects the fee on behalf of incorporated towns that levy their own, so if you live inside a town, confirm with the town.
- The state's car tax relief (PPTRA) can lower the bill on personal-use vehicles; ask the Treasurer how it applies to your bill.
- Contact: Treasurer's Office, 703-777-0280 (Leesburg Government Center, 1 Harrison St SE, and Sterling, 46000 Center Oak Plaza); for vehicle assessments, the Commissioner of the Revenue, 703-777-0260.

E-ZPass Virginia, the Dulles Greenway, and the Dulles Toll Road

- **E-ZPass Virginia** is the shared tag and account used on every Virginia toll facility, run by VDOT. Customer service: 1-877-762-7824, weekdays 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. It also works on the Dulles Greenway.
- **The Dulles Greenway** is a privately owned 14-mile toll road between Dulles Airport and Leesburg, separate from the Dulles Toll Road. It is photo-enforced at the toll plazas. Pay a missed toll within 10 days of the trip at dullesgreenway.com/pay-tolls; a dispute must reach the enforcement center within 60 days of the notice. For dollar rates, use the toll calculator at dullesgreenway.com.
- **The Dulles Toll Road**, run by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), accepts both E-ZPass and Pay-By-Plate. Check dullestollroad.com directly for current rates.
- **The Express Lanes on I-495, I-95, and I-395** are operated by Transurban with dynamic pricing. Customer service: 1-855-495-9777.

TOLL-RATE WARNING

Current dollar rates for the Dulles Greenway, the Dulles Toll Road, and the Express Lanes change often, and Express Lanes pricing is set dynamically by real-time traffic. Check the operator's own site before you travel; no fixed figure is given here.

Loudoun County Transit and the Silver Line

- **Local buses are free.** Loudoun County Transit's local routes, Transit On Demand in Leesburg and Sterling, and paratransit are free to ride. Only the commuter buses to Rosslyn, Crystal City, the Pentagon, and DC charge a fare: \$12 one way with SmarTrip, \$13 cash (half price for ages 65 and up and riders with disabilities, SmarTrip only).
- **Transit On Demand** works only inside the Leesburg and Sterling zones (it is not offered in Ashburn or South Riding); book with the LC Transit On Demand app or, for Sterling, 571-258-3464. Trips cannot cross zones. Loudoun County Transit office: 209 Gibson St NW, Suite 100, Leesburg, 703-771-5665.
- **Park-and-ride:** for South Riding and Dulles South, use Dulles South (Stone Ridge II, 24281 Millstream Drive, Aldie) or East Gate (43664 Tall Cedars Parkway, Chantilly); parking is free but overnight parking is not allowed.
- **Silver Line (Metrorail):** the Ashburn, Loudoun Gateway, and Dulles Airport stations have been open since November 15, 2022. A March 2026 WMATA page shows Ashburn station parking at \$4.95 per day; WMATA reviews fees every year, so confirm at wmata.com before you go.
- Loudoun County Transit does not accept daily, weekly, or monthly WMATA passes; only SmarTrip value or exact cash.

NOTE FOR IMMIGRANTS

After you move, update the address on your vehicle registration. If you are subject to the address-reporting requirement, you must also report your new address to USCIS within 10 days (AR-11).



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