

CHECKLIST · PARADISE

Moving to Paradise: Your First 90 Days (2026)

What newcomers need to do in order, the deadlines, and where each step happens. Print it and tick the boxes.

SHORT ANSWER

The first ten days are federal: **if you are subject to address reporting, notify USCIS within 10 days**, and if you have a case in immigration court, notify the court **within 5 days**. The trap here comes from the envelope: **one address carries three different names** and none substitutes for another. Your envelope says Las Vegas, the county's map data shows a different name, and the name the world uses is a third thing. **What triggers the obligation is not the envelope but the move itself**, and **moving from one end of the corridor to the other is also an address change**. The first week belongs to the home, and there are **five separate providers** here: electricity from one company, natural gas from another, water from a district, sewer from the county's water reclamation district, trash from a franchised company. Learn two things in the same week: **whose jurisdiction your address is in**, and **the watering day assigned to this address**. The second one is money.

First 10 days

TASK	WHERE AND WHEN
☐ Address notification	If you are subject to it, within 10 days at uscis.gov/addresschange . Filing online satisfies the obligation and no paper form is needed as well
☐ Receipt numbers for pending cases	Enter them on the same screen. The address notification does not by itself change the address on a pending case
☐ If you have a court case	Within 5 days , the EOIR-33/IC form . The court address changes only through that form
☐ Tell the post office separately	A change there does not update the agency record and those letters are not forwarded
☐ Jurisdiction lookup	Put your address into the county's own jurisdiction lookup. This is the first thing to do before writing to any agency

IF YOUR ENVELOPE DID NOT CHANGE, YOU MAY STILL HAVE MOVED

- **One address carries three names here:** the name on the envelope (postal delivery, usually Las Vegas), the settlement name in the county's map data, and the name the world uses for the corridor. **One is jurisdiction, one is a map name, one is a postal designation.**
- **We write the administrative fact as certain:** addresses here are **inside no municipal boundary**, they are in **unincorporated Clark County**. Two independent official sources say the same thing and the dividing line is **Sahara Avenue**.
- **All three kinds of move require notification:** from inside a city to here, from one home to another within the unincorporated area, and from one end of the corridor to the other. **You have moved even when no official name changes.**
- **Giving your address to a state or county agency does not satisfy the federal obligation.** The licensing office, the water account, the school enrollment and the benefits portal do not stand in for it.
- **If you hold the status-independent card**, that card's address change must be done **in person**, and because there is no licensing branch inside the settlement you have to book at another office in the valley.

First week: five providers, three legal regimes

The one-sentence summary is this: **there are three separate legal regimes in one home, and you can tell which door to use from the provider's name.** Electricity and gas are inside the state regulator's rulebook; **water districts and trash collection are outside it**, and the regulator names them one by one. It also gives a naming rule: it does not regulate providers whose names contain **authority**, **district** or **mutual**. Practically: you can complain to the regulator about an electricity or gas dispute, **that door is closed for water, sewer and trash**, and the counterpart is the county commission.

SERVICE	PROVIDER	REGULATED
Electricity	Nevada Power Company, doing business as NV Energy	Yes
Natural gas	Southwest Gas Corporation	Yes
Water	Las Vegas Valley Water District	No
Sewer	Clark County Water Reclamation District	No
Trash	A franchised private company through the county's franchise services division	No

TASK	WHERE AND WHEN
☐ Open electricity and water in your own name	First week. These are the only two bills that can carry a tenant's name here and they produce the two residency documents the licensing application asks for
☐ Ask about automatic payment on electricity	A right written into the tariff: a customer who enrolls in automatic payment and stays enrolled is exempt from the deposit . Also, no guarantor may be required , and the deposit cap on a new account is one hundred fifty percent of the estimated average monthly bill; it is halved for an elderly customer

TASK	WHERE AND WHEN
☐ Ask about the water deposit and the surety bond	The rule is heavier here: a customer with no credit established is asked for at least two and a half times the highest monthly bill in a twelve-month period; a surety bond may be offered instead of cash and the deposit earns interest
☐ Pick your moving day around the water connection fee	A normal connection is 10 dollars , a same-day addition 15 dollars , after hours and holidays 70 dollars . A household moving on a Saturday afternoon pays this
☐ Do not open a sewer account	The responsible party is the property owner from the start; the bill is annual, payable in quarterly installments, and if unpaid the service is not cut off, the balance is added to the property tax roll
☐ You may have no trash account at all	The county ordinance makes subscription mandatory , but its own wording says the property owner is responsible for all charges even if the owner does not live there . Look for this item in your lease

THE NUMBER QUESTION WHEN OPENING ACCOUNTS: TWO ANSWERS, BOTH OPEN TO YOU

- **On water the district has its own sentence:** resident aliens may be asked for a **passport, a state identification number and/or a consular identification card**, and international customers may be asked for a **passport number**, and **expired passports are not acceptable**. Its binding service rules ask only for full name and valid identification information, but its web form asks for the **last four digits** of a number; **we could not verify whether the district will open an account on photo identification alone**.
- **On electricity and gas the regulator's own answer is:** some utilities may require a number, **but many provide an alternative such as a driver's license number**. The electric utility's privacy text lists a **driver license, a passport and a state ID** for identity verification.
- **We do not write that a taxpayer identification number is accepted**, because no source mentions it.
- **A neighboring city's route of opening an account in person at city hall does not exist here:** your water utility is a different body, there is no city hall to walk into, and the district publishes no such written route. **Do not carry the neighboring city's answer over here**.

The shutoff ban: the trigger is temperature, not the calendar

- If the national weather service forecasts **105 degrees Fahrenheit or above** or **15 degrees Fahrenheit or below** at any point in a twenty-four hour period, a shutoff for nonpayment is postponed. **There are no dates at all:** no season, no start and no end day.
- **It is a postponement, not a cancellation**, and it covers only shutoffs for nonpayment; the debt does not disappear.
- **The gas exemption is conditional:** the same tariff states that the heat-based general postponement does not apply to the gas utility **unless natural gas is essential for air conditioning**. There is no such exception on the cold trigger. **Do not skip this condition**.
- **Water and trash sit outside this tariff.** The water district here is not among the regulated utilities and its service rules contain no temperature-based postponement; **we could not verify whether any such protection reaches a water customer here, and we write it in neither direction**.

- **We record one contradiction as it stands:** lower thresholds for elderly and disabled customers appear **only in the state regulation, the utility's filed tariff carries none of those tiers**, and the tariff pages are older than the regulation. The 105 and 15 degree thresholds are common to both sources; **we cannot write the protected-customer tiers with confidence**. If someone in your home is elderly or disabled, ask the utility and the regulator separately.
- **Protections beyond temperature:** a physician's written notice postpones a shutoff for **thirty days** and a renewed notice adds thirty more; **ten days written notice** is required before a shutoff and **at least forty-eight hours** before a second one; and **no shutoff may be made on a weekend or a state holiday**.

The watering calendar: learn this address's assigned day in week one

This is not a temporary drought measure but **a permanent regime**. Watering days are **assigned** to your property, you do not choose them, and **your neighbor's day may not be your day**. **Sunday is prohibited in every season**. The mistake newcomers actually make is turning on the sprinklers the day they move in: a household that moves in June and waters at midday **has committed a violation before unpacking**.

SEASON	WATERING PATTERN
November, December, January and February	One assigned day per week
March and April	Three assigned days per week
May, June, July and August	Any day except Sunday, but sprinkler watering between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. counts as waste
September and October	Three assigned days per week

VIOLATION	CHARGE
First	Notice and a correction period, no charge
Second	80 dollars
Third	160 dollars
Fourth	320 dollars
Fifth	640 dollars
Sixth and beyond	1,280 dollars

THE ONE RULE WITH NO EXEMPTION, AND THE CHAIN THAT BINDS TENANT AND OWNER TOGETHER

- **The tier is set by an eighteen-month history**, so a violation a year ago can raise today's charge. Amounts are higher on larger meters.
- **Hand-held hoses** and **drip or low-volume, non-spray irrigation** are exempt from the clock and the day rule. **But nothing is exempt from the rule against water leaving your property.** Water running onto the sidewalk is a violation in every case.
- **Money is not the only sanction:** the district states it may issue a **misdemeanor citation** under authority granted by the proper authorities, and water waste is listed among the grounds for **discontinuing service**.
- **But there is an appeal, and this is the most important line here:** waste violations and charges may be appealed to an **independent hearing officer**. **Do not throw the notice away; keep its date and number**, because that date is the door to the appeal.
- **Tenant or owner: both.** Whoever the account is in receives the notice and the charge. But if a tenant does not pay or **does not resolve ongoing waste**, the district may require **the owner of record** to take over the account, and the debt becomes **a lien on the property**. **A tenant who ignores the notice pulls the landlord in.**
- **Do not carry this rule to northern Nevada:** there the prohibited day is not Sunday and Sunday is open to some addresses. The same behavior is compliant in one place and a violation in the other. [We wrote both sides separately in our Nevada guide.](#)

First 30 and 90 days

TASK	WHERE AND WHEN
☐ School enrollment	Put your full street address into the zoning search, not the envelope. If documents are missing, ask for the shared housing option by name and do not postpone
☐ License or status-independent card	Once the two residency documents exist. Book through the agency's own system; there is no branch here
☐ Vehicle registration and emissions	A policy written for Nevada first, then emissions, then the vehicle identification inspection, then registration. Never leave insurance lapsed, not even for a day
☐ Library card	The system is the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District . Search for a branch by your address , not by your settlement name; a separate card for people who cannot verify an address is reported, but the system's own site never opened , so ask the branch
☐ Work card, but after the job	Many lines of work here need a separate card issued by the police, and you cannot get it before you have the job : the application is issued and signed by the employer
☐ Learn the complaint channel	There is no 311 here. Code, debris, graffiti and unpermitted construction complaints go to the county's code enforcement and public response office, and that office is closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday
☐ Write your watering day on the refrigerator	First week. If you have an irrigation timer, check its schedule ; a summer program falling between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. is a violation in itself

TWO EXTRA ITEMS IF YOU LIVE IN AN APARTMENT OR A MANAGED COMMUNITY

- **A common-area penalty lands in your dues.** The landscaping rule is most likely the association's business; **ask who the counterpart is before you sign.**
- **The ornamental turf regulation covers common areas.** The state adopted a rule requiring the removal of nonfunctional ornamental turf and the obligation attaches **only to property zoned for non-residential use**; single-family yards are outside it, **but community common areas are not.** The deadline is the end of 2026 and the water prohibition begins in early 2027; **this item will change soon.**
- **The parking rule is in the contract too.** Visitor spaces, guest duration and the towing agreement are written in the association's contract, and **the towing decision here is usually made by the property owner rather than the police.**

THE REAL WARNING FOR A HOUSEHOLD WITH CHILDREN HERE

- **A hotel pool can lawfully be a 21-and-over venue.** The regulator's own text defines a class of venue that **prohibits patrons under the age of 21 from entering**, and in the same definition the dance area may be **a swimming pool or a pool deck.**
- **This matters everywhere, but it is critical here,** because the county's map data shows this settlement's name for most of those hotels: **you live next door to them.** The household that books a visiting relative into a nearby hotel, buys a summer day pass, or tries to rent a poolside spot for a birthday hits this wall more often than a tourist does. **Call the hotel before you pay**, and ask whether the same property has a separate pool open to children.
- **We put the free alternative right beside it on purpose:** the county's largest park here has a **splash pad** and **five playgrounds**, admission is free, and it is open **6 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.** Some facilities are seasonal, so ask before you go.
- **The gambling age is a separate and harder item:** for those under 21 it is not only playing but **loitering** in gaming areas that is prohibited. **We could not read the statutory text**, so we quote nothing and print no penalty figure. In practice a child may pass through a floor with a parent but may not stand and wait at the machines. **Here that is not vacation information, it is daily life.**
- **There is a night curfew rule too, but we do not print the hours:** sources conflict on the time and the days and we could not read the county code. **And there is no town police here to enforce it;** the counterpart is the county department.

WEEKEND PLANS: CHEAP, BUT NOT FREE

- **The parks are the county's, and there was never a town park here.** In the county's own park finder this settlement stands as a **community filter**, and that filter returns **17 records; two of them are actually school grounds**, so ask whether they are open to the public before you go. The largest is **Sunset Park**, and **the central trap of this guide fits in one line**: it is the county's park, filed under this settlement's name in the county's finder, with Las Vegas in its mailing address.
- **Hold a large family gathering in the county's park rather than a corridor venue**: free and with no age limit. **22 areas are first come first served and 9 are reservable**, and the county asks for requests **at least two weeks** ahead; the reservation office is open **Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**, closed on weekends, **(702) 455-8200**. **The park is free, reserving a specific area is not**, and we do not print the reservation charges.
- **Fishing in the pond is free, the license is not**. We say both sentences together, because said apart they earn a citation: you pay nothing to fish, **but you must hold a Nevada fishing license**.
- **State park fees look at your plate**: at two parks near the valley it is **10 dollars per vehicle, 15 dollars** for a vehicle without Nevada plates. At the state historic park north of the valley **museum admission is 3 dollars** and children 12 and under are free; the newest park at the north end of the valley is **3 dollars per person**. **There is no free pedestrian entry**: arriving on foot, by horse or by bicycle costs **2 dollars per person**. **Discounts are discounts, not free entry**, and some parks do not take cards.
- **One inverse trap, and do not try to correct it**: the state historic park with Las Vegas in its name **really is inside the City of Las Vegas**, the city's founding site. By contrast the free museum carrying the county's name is **in another city in the county**.
- **There is a library park pass, but two per library**. A Nevada library card holder borrows one for a week, it is valid at **all 27 state parks**, covers a vehicle of eight, and **includes the museum admission at the state historic park north of the valley**. **But we do not say it exists for you**: the agency's own release says two passes were provided to each public library and **we could not verify this year's participation by the system serving this area**. **The pass does not work on federal land**, and there is no guarantee of entry.
- **The large federal scenic area west of the valley cannot be visited on impulse for eight months of the year**: a timed entry reservation is required **from October 1 through May 31 for entries between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.**, and **each vehicle entering needs its own reservation**, even if you hold a pass. **We print no fee figures**, because the agency publishes none on any readable page.
- **The federal recreation area around the lake charges admission**: a private vehicle is **25 dollars** covering 1 to 7 days, on foot or by bicycle it is **15 dollars per person**, and the area's annual pass is **45 dollars**. The line that matters for families: in the agency's own words, **children under 16 do not need an entrance pass**. **Federal fee-free days**: the two remaining in 2026 are **October 27, 2026 and November 11, 2026**.
- **A hot safety matter, in the agencies' own language**: carry at least **four liters** of drinking water per person per day and **drink even when you are not thirsty**; at the lake area there is **no lifeguard and no designated swim beach**; and some facilities close during midday in summer.

IF YOU ARE NOT A CITIZEN, REMEMBER

- Never check a citizenship box on any form and do not register to vote. If a jury summons arrives, do not ignore it; call **the jury office of the court named in the letter**, not a general number.
- Talk to an immigration attorney before applying for a public benefit, dropping one, or moving between programs.
- Check your arrival record: i94.cbp.dhs.gov. Your work authorization, some filing eligibility and part of your card validity in this state depend on it.
- If a green card application is pending, do not leave the country without advance parole.
- If you are detained, ask to speak with an attorney before discussing your status, and if you are a Turkish citizen ask that the consulate be notified.



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