

CHECKLIST · REDMOND

Moving to Redmond Checklist: The First 90 Days

What newcomers need to do, in order, with deadlines and where to do it. Print it and tick it off.

SHORT ANSWER

If you are subject to address reporting, tell USCIS your new address within 10 days. In the first week, open electricity and gas with one call to Puget Sound Energy (1-888-225-5773). Water, sewer and storm drainage are the city's own service (425-556-2152), but **a tenant cannot open the account**. Garbage, recycling and compost have come from Recology since January 1, 2026 (425-552-1008). Enroll your children with Lake Washington School District. Within 30 days get your license, then register the car.

First 10 days

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Report your new address to USCIS (AR-11)	As a general rule, most people who are not U.S. citizens, including green card holders, must. A and G visa holders and Visa Waiver visitors are outside it. A move within Redmond counts too. uscis.gov/addresschange
☐ If you have an immigration court case, file EOIR-33	Within 5 days: respondentaccess.eoir.justice.gov
☐ If you have an ICE reporting obligation	Update your address through portal.ice.gov as well, within 5 business days of the move
☐ Post office change of address	A USPS change does not update your USCIS record. They are two separate steps

First week

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Electricity and gas	Both come from Puget Sound Energy, so it is one application: pse.com or 1-888-225-5773. It can take up to 15 minutes and you can save halfway and come back. No SSN required: a passport number, tax identification number or date of birth is also accepted. Every Redmond address goes to the same company, so unlike water it does not vary by street

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Water, sewer and storm drainage	The city's own service: Utility Billing 425-556-2152, weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; after hours emergencies 425-556-2500. As a tenant you cannot open the account; the property owner has to complete a form. If you are buying, you fill in the online Request for New Service form yourself, and that form has no SSN or ID number field. Payments go to Utility Billing, P.O. Box 3745, Seattle WA 98124-3745
☐ Is your address really on the city system?	Redmond serves most areas inside the city limits, the Novelty Hill area to the east and some properties outside the city; some surrounding addresses are billed by Bellevue, Kirkland, Woodinville Water District or Northeast Sammamish Sewer and Water District. Call 425-556-2152 before you move to confirm
☐ Garbage, recycling and compost	The company changed: it was WM for 30 years, and from January 1, 2026 Recology King County took over. Do not waste time searching for the old name. Recology 425-552-1008 (weekdays 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., weekends 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.). All three are in one monthly charge: a 32 or 35 gallon cart is \$27.22 and a 64 gallon cart \$52.82. The store is at 8862 161st Ave NE #104, Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
☐ Enroll your children in school	Lake Washington School District, at your neighborhood school or through Skyward. Two proofs of address are required and cable, internet and phone bills do not count. District office 16250 NE 74th Street, 425-936-1200, registrar@lwsd.org
☐ Save the city numbers	Redmond has no 3-1-1 line. For non-emergency matters the city has an online Request for Service portal and the Your Redmond app; the portal is not monitored around the clock and office hours are weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. By phone the switchboard is 425-556-2900, extension 7 for Customer Service. Police non-emergency is 425-556-2500, the same number used for after-hours utility emergencies. In a life-threatening emergency call 911
☐ Library card	Redmond belongs to King County Library System, not Seattle Public Library. The branch is at 15990 NE 85th St, (425) 885-1861. A photo ID showing your date of birth (including a passport or Matricula Consular, even expired) plus one proof of address is enough, and no SSN is asked. Check the hours at kcls.org before you go

What does the water bill cost? (3/4 inch meter, fixed charges per two months)

ITEM	FIXED CHARGE PER TWO MONTHS
Water	\$38.60
Redmond sewer	\$34.70
King County wastewater treatment share	\$126.58
Stormwater	\$34.12
Total before any water use	\$234.00

- Consumption is added on top: per 100 cubic feet, \$2.37 for the first 8 units, \$4.73 from 8.01 to 20, \$7.10 from 20.01 to 40, and \$9.46 above that. One cubic foot is about 7.48 gallons. **Most of the bill is the county treatment share,** and saving water does not reduce that line.

- **Paying by card costs extra:** a one-time credit or debit card payment online or by phone carries a \$5 convenience fee. The free routes are e-check, mail, paying in person at city hall, or an automatic payment from your bank account. Automatic card payments ended on January 1, 2025.
- **Other charges:** final notice \$20, administrative (late) fee \$60, after-hours reconnection \$125, returned payment \$25, final bill \$30. Overdue sewer and stormwater balances accrue 8% annual interest.
- **Heat protection:** since July 23, 2023 state law bars a water shutoff for an unpaid bill while the National Weather Service has a heat advisory in effect.

WHEN RENTING: REDMOND'S OWN RULES ARE STRONGER THAN THE STATE'S

Redmond Municipal Code 9.54.065 bars landlords from requiring a Social Security number in tenant screening. They may ask for it, but as the city's own housing page puts it, they cannot refuse to rent to you because you did not provide it. Instead they may use your prior names, addresses, personal references and employment history. A landlord can still decide against you because of incorrect, adverse or unobtainable screening results, so the rule gives you no automatic right; but **"no SSN, no apartment" is unlawful in Redmond**. Landlords must post a summary of the protections where tenants can see it.

TOPIC	THE REDMOND RULE (RMC 9.54)
☐ Move-in costs and deposit	The total cannot exceed one month's rent. On leases of 6 months or more you may pay in 6 equal installments, and 2 on shorter or month-to-month agreements. Income-based subsidized housing is exempt (a Section 8 voucher is not)
☐ Rent increase notice	At least 120 days of written notice if the increase is above 3%, and at least 180 days if it is above 10%. 30 days in subsidized housing. The state's own notice period is 90 days, but Redmond's longer periods apply here
☐ Late fee	At most 1.5% of the monthly rent
☐ Due date	The lease must state that a tenant may ask to change the rent due date
☐ State increase cap	No increase in the first 12 months, then once every 12 months the cap is 7% plus inflation or 10%, whichever is lower: 9.683% for 2026 and 10% for 2027. For manufactured and mobile homes the cap is 5%
☐ If something goes wrong	The Housing Justice Project covers eviction cases and the Northwest Justice Project provides free attorneys to low-income tenants. The CLEAR line is 1-888-201-1014. King County Bar Association neighborhood legal clinics offer a free 30-minute consultation

Within 30 days: license, car and transit

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Washington driver's license	Book an appointment: 7225 170th Ave NE, 425-649-4281. Closed Mondays, open Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. No SSN needed, and a Turkish license is not exchanged
☐ Vehicle registration	There is no agency in Redmond. The nearest is Bel Red Auto License, 15600 NE Eighth St, Suite K-16, Bellevue, 425-747-0444. You can also renew online through License Express
☐ Insurance	Minimum \$25,000 / \$50,000 bodily injury and \$10,000 property damage

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Good To Go! account	Essential if you will use SR 520: \$4.90 with a pass at peak against \$6.90 with no account. The I-90 bridge is a free alternative
☐ ORCA card	Link is a flat \$3.00 one way, a Metro bus \$3.00, under 18 free, and a regional day pass \$6.00. There is no walk-in ORCA LIFT issuing point in Redmond; the nearest is the Northshore public health center in Kirkland, and you can also apply online or by phone
☐ RedLink	The city's free, all-electric, on-demand shuttle. It covers Downtown Redmond, Education Hill and parts of Southeast Redmond and will drop you at the light rail stations. You hail it in the Ride Circuit app, and the app is only in the U.S. stores , so you have to change your store country to download it. Mon to Thu 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fri 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sat 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sun 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

60 to 90 days and beyond

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Health coverage	There is no hospital in Redmond: the nearest are Overlake Medical Center and Clinics (1035 116th Ave NE, Bellevue, 425-688-5000) and EvergreenHealth Medical Center (12040 NE 128th St, Kirkland, financial assistance 855-480-7451). Ask for charity care before you pay a bill. Healthplanfinder 1-855-923-4633
☐ Turkish consular services	There is no consulate in Redmond and none in Seattle. The Consulate General of Türkiye in Los Angeles serves you; book at konsolosluk.gov.tr . Passports are issued in person only. Put your passport expiry date in your calendar now
☐ Taxes	Neither the state nor the city taxes wage income. Sales tax in Redmond is 10.40% in the last quarter of 2026. King County bills property tax, due April 30 and October 31, line 206-263-2890
☐ SSN	There is no SSA office in Redmond. The nearest is in Bellevue: 636 120th Ave NE, Suite A100, (866) 574-2323. Your ZIP code decides which office serves you, so confirm at ssa.gov/locator
☐ No SSN but you must file	Apply for an ITIN with Form W-7. There is no ITIN counter on the Eastside; the nearest is Seattle, 915 Second Ave, 32nd floor. Appointment required, 844-545-5640
☐ A baby was born	A certified birth certificate comes from King County Vital Statistics: 201 S. Jackson St., Suite 220, Seattle, 206-837-0719. There is no vital records counter on the Eastside. A certified copy is \$25, the kiosk \$28.50. Order at least two
☐ U.S. passport (if you naturalized)	You can do this in Redmond: the King County District Court Redmond courthouse, 8601 160th Ave NE, 206-205-9200, by appointment, new applications only

IF YOU ARE NOT A CITIZEN, REMEMBER

- Do not register to vote. You will be offered registration at the DOL appointment; decline. Registering or voting as a noncitizen is a federal crime.
- Before you apply for SNAP, Apple Health or any other public benefit, talk to an immigration attorney.
- Check your I-94 record at i94.cbp.dhs.gov.
- If your green card application is pending, do not travel abroad without advance parole.

Information as of October 1, 2026. See the matching sections of the Redmond page for detail.



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