

CHECKLIST · VIRGINIA BEACH

Moving to Virginia Beach, 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 (Dominion Energy), gas (Virginia Natural Gas), and water/trash (the city's single bill), and enroll your children at VBCPS. 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. The online start form asks for an SSN; if you do not have one, call the company before using the online form. There is a \$5.70 connection charge, and new customers may be asked for a deposit (refunded after 12 months of good payment).
☐ Natural gas	Virginia Natural Gas (VNG), 1-888-642-6748. The online form asks whether you have an SSN, and says an initial deposit is required if you do not provide one, so you can still start service without an SSN.

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Water, sewer, and trash	The city combines these on a single "City Services Bill" (about every 28-32 days). Start service online, at 757-385-4631, or at 2403 Courthouse Drive (weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). A new account pays an account set-up fee. HRSD (Hampton Roads Sanitation District) also sends a separate bill for wastewater treatment.
☐ Trash and recycling	Trash is weekly, recycling every other week. The 95-gallon trash and recycling carts are bought from the city, \$100 each: Waste Management, 757-385-4650, 3024 Holland Road. Request bulky pickup at least 3 days before your regular trash day.
☐ 311 and VBAAlert	Dial 311 inside the city (757-385-3111 from outside) or use the VB Connect app. Text VBAAlert to 67283 for emergency alerts.
☐ Dog and cat license	All dogs and cats over 4 months must be licensed; the standard tag is free. Apply online, at a Treasurer office, or by mail.
☐ School enrollment	vbschools.com online registration (ParentVUE), then an appointment at your zoned school; families new to English can use the International Welcome Center, 757-263-2096.
☐ Library card	Virginia Beach Public Library cards are free to Virginia residents, at 10 branches or online: 757-385-0150.

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 DMV. Title fee \$15.
☐ Register your vehicle	Within the same 30 days. Buckner, Hilltop, or the DMV Select in City Hall. No emissions test is needed in Virginia Beach; the annual safety inspection is.
☐ Car tax	The city bills \$4.00 per \$100 of value; vehicles arriving after March 31 get a prorated supplemental bill. Commissioner of the Revenue: 757-385-4251.
☐ E-ZPass Virginia account	Open one if you will use the Hampton Roads Express Lanes or the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel; 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 Buckner (3551 Buckner Blvd) or Hilltop (1712 Donna Dr); the DMV Select in City Hall does not process licenses.
☐ 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
☐ Public transit	Hampton Roads Transit (HRT): \$2.00 per trip, children 17 and under ride free with a paying adult; 757-222-6100. Confirm current fares at gohrt.com/fares .
☐ Real estate tax (homeowners)	\$0.97 per \$100 of value, in two installments: December 5 and June 5. Treasurer 757-385-4445.
☐ Senior or disability tax relief	Applications for real estate and car tax relief for people 65+ or totally disabled are taken February 1 to June 30 at the Commissioner of the Revenue; confirm the income and asset limits directly with the city.
☐ Turkish citizens: consulate services	Turkish Embassy consular section, Washington, D.C., appointments at konsolosluk.gov.tr

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 or serve on a jury in Virginia.
- 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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