

Your Denver Relocation Checklist

New job, military orders, or moving closer to family? Use this checklist to find the right neighborhood, buy with confidence from out of state, and settle into the Mile High City.

1. Set your plan

AS SOON AS YOU KNOW YOU'RE MOVING

- ☐ Confirm your move date and any job or orders timeline
- ☐ Decide whether to buy right away or rent first
- ☐ Talk with a lender about your budget and get pre-approved
- ☐ List your must-haves: space, yard, schools, commute, lifestyle

2. Choose your area

BEFORE YOU VISIT

- ☐ Map rush-hour drive times to work and to Denver International Airport
- ☐ Check RTD light rail and bus options if you'd like to skip the drive
- ☐ Compare city living in Denver, established suburbs like Arvada, Lakewood, and Littleton, and newer communities in Aurora, Parker, Castle Rock, and Highlands Ranch
- ☐ Look up school districts if they matter to you
- ☐ Compare the true cost: HOA dues, metro district taxes, and insurance

Colorado living: Denver sits at about 5,280 feet. Drink extra water your first weeks, expect strong sun, and know that spring and summer hail makes roof condition worth a close look.

3. Buy from a distance

BEFORE AND DURING YOUR TRIP

- ☐ Ask for live video tours of homes and the surrounding streets
- ☐ Preview neighborhoods virtually before booking a house-hunting trip
- ☐ Plan a focused visit so every showing counts
- ☐ Ask your lender and title company about e-signing and remote closing options
- ☐ Join your inspection by video if you can't be there

4. Military moves

BUCKLEY SPACE FORCE BASE AND BEYOND

- ☐ Request your VA Certificate of Eligibility early
- ☐ Budget around your BAH and expected costs
- ☐ Check commute routes to Buckley SFB in Aurora
- ☐ If you may rent the home out later, check HOA rental rules first
- ☐ Line up your closing date with your report date

5. Moving logistics

4 TO 8 WEEKS OUT

- ☐ Get quotes from at least 2 to 3 movers
- ☐ Set up electricity, gas, water, trash, and internet (providers vary by city)
- ☐ Transfer or set up homeowners insurance
- ☐ Forward your mail with USPS
- ☐ Plan for pets, kids, and school records

6. Settle in

YOUR FIRST WEEKS IN COLORADO

- ☐ Get your Colorado driver's license and register your vehicles; check the Colorado DMV for new-resident deadlines
- ☐ Update your address with banks, employers, and insurance
- ☐ Register to vote at your new address
- ☐ Find doctors, dentists, and a vet near home
- ☐ Explore your new neighborhood: parks, trails, and local favorites

Areas I serve

Central Denver: Downtown & LoDo · RiNo · Cherry Creek · Capitol Hill & Uptown · The Highlands · Washington Park & Platt Park

Suburbs: Aurora · Lakewood · Littleton · Centennial · Arvada · Westminster · Greenwood Village · Cherry Hills Village · Parker · Highlands Ranch · Castle Rock

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