



# Where to Update Your Address

## Checklist

Changing your address takes time, but it's much easier to deal with it **before** any problems arise from missing mail. We know it's difficult to keep track of all the places you need to update your address amid the chaos of moving into a new home, so here's a checklist to make it a little easier.

Not all the organizations and agencies on this list will apply to you. Some of the urls are relevant regardless of where you move to/from, some only concern Washington State, and others only concern King County. For the purpose of this checklist, we're assuming you live in the city of Seattle.

## Government

- Voter Registration**  
Update your address no later than 29 days before election day.  
[kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/how-to-vote/register-to-vote/change-my-address.aspx](http://kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/how-to-vote/register-to-vote/change-my-address.aspx)
- IRS**  
[irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-8822](http://irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-8822)
- State tax agency**  
Not needed in Washington State
- County tax assessment office**  
For King County property taxes  
[kingcounty.gov/~media/operations/finance/Treasury/NameAddressForm](http://kingcounty.gov/~media/operations/finance/Treasury/NameAddressForm)
- Social Security**  
[ssa.gov/open/data/change-of-address-online-apps.html](http://ssa.gov/open/data/change-of-address-online-apps.html)
- DMV**  
[dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/addresschange.html](http://dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/addresschange.html)
- Parenting Plan**  
For shared custody arrangements in Washington State  
[washingtonlawhelp.org/resource/questions-and-answers-about-washingtons-reloc](http://washingtonlawhelp.org/resource/questions-and-answers-about-washingtons-reloc)
- Department of Veteran's Affairs**  
[ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/manage/contact](http://ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/manage/contact)
- U.S. Customs and Immigration Service**  
[uscis.gov/addresschange](http://uscis.gov/addresschange)
- Pet licensing**  
[seattle.gov/animal-shelter/license/mail-or-in-person-licensing](http://seattle.gov/animal-shelter/license/mail-or-in-person-licensing)
- Medicare**  
[mymedicare.gov/helppages/accountservices/accountmenu/updateyourinformation/](http://mymedicare.gov/helppages/accountservices/accountmenu/updateyourinformation/)

## Post Office

Notifying the post office online will forward any mail sent to your old place to your new one for 12 months. You can set it for a specific start date, so you should do this at least a week before moving day—any later and there may be a gap between when you move and when your mail forwarding can begin.

[usa.gov/post-office](http://usa.gov/post-office)

## Financial

- Employer**  
Even if your manager and coworkers know about your move, you still need to file the proper paperwork with HR
- Bank and/or credit unions**
- Credit card companies**
- Loan providers**
- PayPal**
- Pension plans, IRA, and 401k administrators**
- All other investment accounts**
- Account/Tax specialist**
- Credit reporting agencies**

## Insurance

- Homeowner/Renter's insurance**
- Health insurance**
- Dental insurance**
- Life insurance**
- Auto insurance**



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## Utilities

- Electric**  
Seattle City Light  
[seattle.gov/light/start-stop-transfer/](http://seattle.gov/light/start-stop-transfer/)
- Water, sewer, and garbage**  
**Seattle Public Utility**  
[seattle.gov/util/warp/OpenClose](http://seattle.gov/util/warp/OpenClose)
- Oil**
- TV, home phone, and Internet**
- Cell phone**

## Home Services

- Lawn care**
- Cleaning service**
- Home security**
- Pest control**

## Memberships and Subscriptions

- Magazines, newspapers, and newsletters**
- Delivery services**  
Hello Fresh, Imperfect Produce, Prime Now, Domino's, etc.
- Online shopping**  
Amazon, eBay, etc.
- Store membership**  
Costco, Sam's Club, etc.
- Other membership organizations**  
AAA, AARP, ACLU, etc.
- Google Maps and other navigation apps**

## Personal Services

- Dentist**
- Doctors**
- Veterinarian**
- Lawyer**
- Babysitter or nanny**
- Dogwalker**

## Social

- Friends and family**  
Even if they know you're moving, they'll want your new address
- Schools and daycares**
- PTA**
- Kids' clubs and sports teams**
- Church**
- Social clubs and civic clubs**
- Alumni groups**
- Charities and nonprofits you support**

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