

Change of Address Checklist

Every account, agency, and subscription to update when you move

QUICK FACTS

- * Start 2-4 weeks before your move date
- * USPS forwarding: \$1.10 online, free in person
- * USPS forwards first-class mail for 12 months
- * Update driver's license within 10 days (CA & AZ)
- * 40+ organizations to notify in total
- * Allow 2-4 hours spread over several days

>>> GOVERNMENT & LEGAL

- USPS mail forwarding (usps.com or local post office)
- Driver's license / state ID (within 10 days in CA and AZ)
- Vehicle registration
- Voter registration (re-register at new address)
- Social Security Administration
- IRS (Form 8822 or update on next tax return)
- Passport (update for records if needed)

\$\$\$ FINANCIAL

- Banks and credit unions (checking, savings)
- Credit card companies
- Investment and retirement accounts (401k, IRA, brokerage)
- Loan servicers (mortgage, auto, student loans)
- Tax preparer or CPA
- Financial advisor

*** INSURANCE

- Health insurance (update billing address)
- Auto insurance (rates may change with new zip code)
- Homeowners or renters insurance (cancel old, start new)
- Life insurance
- Pet insurance
- Umbrella or liability policies

+++ MEDICAL

- Primary care physician (request records transfer)
- Dentist
- Specialists (dermatologist, allergist, etc.)
- Pharmacy (transfer prescriptions to nearby location)
- Veterinarian (request pet records and vaccination history)
- Eye doctor / optometrist

~~~ UTILITIES & SERVICES

- Electric and gas (schedule disconnect and new service)
- Water and sewer
- Internet and cable/satellite
- Phone and mobile carrier
- Trash and recycling
- Home security system

SUBSCRIPTIONS & DELIVERIES

- Amazon and online shopping (update delivery addresses)
- Meal kits and grocery delivery
- Magazines and newspapers
- Streaming services (update billing address)
- Subscription boxes
- Gym or fitness memberships

*** WORK & SCHOOL

- Employer / HR department (payroll and tax withholding)
- Children's school records (transfer enrollment)
- College and alumni associations
- Professional licenses and certifications
- Daycare or childcare provider

*** PERSONAL

- Friends and family (share new address)
- Religious organizations
- Clubs and memberships
- Loyalty and rewards programs
- Charitable organizations (donation receipts for taxes)

ADDRESS CHANGE TIMELINE

- 4-6 Weeks Before** Research new utility providers. Notify landlord/HOA. Gather all account numbers.
- 2-4 Weeks Before** File USPS forwarding. Update DMV, banks, insurance. Register to vote.
- 1 Week Before** Transfer utilities. Update subscriptions, employer, pharmacy, schools.
- Moving Day** Confirm USPS forwarding is active. Take utility meter readings.
- First Week After** Update remaining accounts. Check for forwarded mail you missed.

STATE-SPECIFIC TIPS

CALIFORNIA

- * CA DMV: update within 10 days at dmv.ca.gov (free)
- * Voter: registertovote.ca.gov (15 days before election)
- * Utilities: PG&E serves most Bay Area customers
- * Vehicle: 20 days to register if moving from out of state
- * Insurance: rates may change with new zip code

ARIZONA

- * AZ MVD: update within 10 days at servicearizona.com
- * Voter: azsos.gov (29 days before election)
- * Utilities: APS or SRP depending on area
- * Vehicle: 15 days to register; emissions in Maricopa Co.
- * Insurance: Phoenix rates typically lower than Bay Area

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