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## Who to Notify When You Move

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### 1. The Post Office

You knew this one, but you might not know that you don't have to schlep to an actual post office anymore. Visit the [U.S. Postal Service](http://www.usps.com) site to start your official change of address.

The postal service charges a \$1 fee to verify your identity when changing your address online, so you'll need a credit or debit card.

### 2. Your Employer

Odds are your boss and immediate co-workers know that you're moving because you have been complaining about it nonstop—but what about your human resources department? Even if your paychecks get deposited directly into your bank account, you still want tax forms, retirement account statements, and other documents sent to your new address, as these papers may contain personal information that could be used to steal your identity.

### 3. Utilities

Forget to file a change of address for your utilities, and guess what happens: You end up paying the electric bill for your former home's new resident! If you prefer to pay only your own bill, you'll need to update your address with phone, cable, internet providers, as well as your electric and gas companies.

[Dominion Energy](#)  
[Washington Gas](#)  
[Fairfax Water](#)  
[Alex](#)

#### **4. Banks, credit card issuers, and other financial institutions**

Usually, you can update your mailing address for your bank, credit card issuers, investment accounts, loan providers, and other institutions online. Even if you use an online-only bank or credit union, this is a crucial step. Again, you don't want sensitive information sent to your old mailing address.

[Wells Fargo](#)

[Capital One](#)

[Bank of America](#)

[BB&T](#)

#### **5. The DMV**

After moving, you may have to file a change of address with the Department of Motor Vehicles, update your car registration, or even get a new driver's license—and some states have tight deadlines for these changes. If you're new to California, for example, you must register your vehicle within 20 days of moving into your new home. Generally, if you're making an in-state move, you can submit a change-of-address request online, but requirements vary, so check with your local DMV office.

Pro tip: [DMV.org/relocation](https://www.dmv.org/relocation) provides customized guides for moving from one state to another

#### **6. Insurance Providers**

Health Insurance, dental insurance, car insurance, life insurance, and homeowners insurance providers need your current address on your policy. If you don't update these accounts, you could potentially have trouble filing a claim.

[State Farm](#)

[All State](#)

[Progressive](#)

[USAA](#)

[Travelers](#)

#### **7. The IRS**

Tax returns and other forms may contain sensitive information (e.g., Social Security number), so let Uncle Sam know you're moving. You can file a change of address with the [IRS](#) by mail and phone, or in person.

Note: It can take four to six weeks for a change of address request to fully process, so if it's tax season and you're waiting for your refund, keep that in mind.

## **8. Cellphone Provider**

Cellphone companies require customers to update their billing address. This is mandatory, since your primary residence determines the tax rates on your wireless bill.

[Verizon](#)

[TMobile](#)

[AT&T](#)

## **9. Social Security Administration**

Although the Social Security Administration announced last year that it would send fewer statements in the mail in an attempt to cut down costs, individuals who are 60 and over, who aren't receiving benefits, and who don't have a My Social Security account online still receive paper statements. These statements contain detailed information on your earnings and contributions you've paid through payroll taxes—information that should be kept private. You can submit a [change-of-address application](#) online or by calling (800)772-1213.

## **10. Voter Registration**

If you're a registered voter, an address change is required if you want your vote counted in upcoming elections. In some states, when you update your address with the [DMV](#), your address on your voter registration will automatically update, but contact the office of your registrar of voters to confirm.

## **11. Your doctor, dentist, and other health specialists**

To avoid missing and falling behind on your medical bills, update your mailing address with all of your health care providers.

Primary Doctor:

Specialist:

Dentist:

## **12. TSA Precheck/Global Entry**

If you hate waiting in long lines at customs or security at the airport, you may already have a TSA Precheck or Global Entry pass that lets you take an express lane. (TSA Precheck is valid for U.S. domestic flights, while Global Entry expedites U.S. customs screening for international travelers.) But to keep your membership valid, you'll have to update the address on your account by calling (855) 347-8371 or submitting an update request online.

[TSA](#)

[Global Entry](#)

## **13. Shopping Websites**

Many online shopping sites have a one-click checkout feature that lets you save time, but this could prove problematic if you forget to change your address and order something to your old house. Take a few minutes to update your address on Amazon, eBay, and other online shopping accounts.

[Amazon](#)

[eBay](#)

[Walmart](#)

[Macys](#)

## **14. Newspaper and magazine subscriptions**

Don't want your magazines or newspapers arriving on your old doorstep? (Do you still have magazine and newspaper subscriptions?) Either update your mailing address online, or call customer service and ask for an address change over the phone. Do the same for any other subscription services you have. (If your Blue Apron ingredients show up at your old house, good luck cooking dinner tonight!)

[Washington Post](#)

[New York Times](#)

## **15. Family and Friends**

Of course, you want to share the exciting news with your relatives and close friends. But announcing the big move on Facebook won't cut it. Some people don't check Facebook on the reg—and (gasp) some folks aren't on social media, period. And you really don't want Grandma mailing your birthday and holiday gifts to your old address, do you?

## **16. Your Vet and Microchip**

Notify your Vet and update your pet's microchip information at [www.petlink.net](http://www.petlink.net)

## **17. Your Wine of the Month club**

[Total Wine](#)

## **18. Taxing Authority**

Notify Taxing Authority for any real estate you own other than your primary residence.

Fairfax County:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/taxes/real-estate/mailling-address-changes-preface>

<https://icare.fairfaxcounty.gov/ContactUs/PropertyInquiry.aspx>

City of Alexandria:

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/RealEstateTax>

## **19. Business License**

Do you have a Professional/Business License? Update your governing body and licensing

<https://www.dpor.virginia.gov/node/6>

<https://scc.virginia.gov/>

## **20. Autoship items**

Change the address on your Chewy autoships, Amazon account or any online accounts you order from:

[www.chewy.com](http://www.chewy.com)

[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

## **21. EZ Pass**

Change the address on your EZPass account

<https://www.ezpassva.com/>