

Moving to Boulder, Colorado

Your 2026 Relocation Guide from New Horizons Real Estate

108,250 residents (2020 Census)	~25 mi to Denver	~33 mi to DIA	Boulder County seat
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Boulder sits at the base of the Flatirons, about 25 miles northwest of Denver. It is home to CU Boulder, the Pearl Street Mall and one of the largest city open space systems in the country.

Your First 90 Days: The Boulder Move Checklist

Done	When	Task	Where to do it
[]	Before move-in	Start city water and sewer	City of Boulder Utility Billing, 303-441-3260
[]	Before move-in	Start electric and gas	Xcel Energy, 1-800-895-1999
[]	Before move-in	Order internet	Comcast, CenturyLink or Allo Fiber (rolling out)
[]	First week	Set up trash, recycling and compost	Choose a licensed hauler from the City's list, or check with your HOA
[]	Within 30 days	Transfer your driver license	A Colorado state DMV office (county offices do not issue licenses)
[]	Within 90 days	Title and register your vehicles	Boulder County Motor Vehicle: offices in Boulder (1750 33rd St.), Longmont (529 Coffman St.) and Lafayette (1755 S. Public Rd.). Appointments required; open Monday to Thursday, closed Fridays.
[]	Before registering	Emissions test first if your vehicle is more than 7 model years old (this county is in the program area)	An Air Care Colorado station
[]	Any time	Enroll your kids in school	Boulder Valley School District
[]	Any time	Register to vote at your new address	GoVoteColorado.gov

Providers can change at the edge of town or between subdivisions. We'll confirm them for any address you're considering.

Where to Live in Boulder

As of October 21, 2026, many single-family homes on our site were listed between about \$900,000 and \$2 million, at roughly \$612 per square foot. Prices change daily and are not a guarantee of value.

If you want...	Look at
An entry price	Condos from the \$300,000s
Historic homes near downtown	Mapleton Hill, Whittier and Newlands
Family neighborhoods	North Boulder, Table Mesa and Martin Acres
Foothills and estates	Pine Brook Hills and Boulder Heights. See Boulder County luxury homes.

If you want...	Look at
Near Boulder but quieter	Gunbarrel and Twin Lakes

Schools

Boulder Valley School District. Register with the district for your neighborhood school, or apply through open enrollment for a school or program of choice. A few areas in northeast Boulder are in St. Vrain Valley Schools instead. School assignments depend on the exact address; confirm with the district before you buy.

Getting Around

- **By car:** US 36 to Denver, Highway 119 to Longmont, Highway 93 to Golden.
- **By bus:** RTD's Flatiron Flyer bus rapid transit runs between Boulder and Denver, and local HOP and SKIP routes cover town.
- **By bike:** an extensive network of multi-use paths and creek trails.

Healthcare

Boulder Community Health's Foothills Hospital is the city's main full-service hospital.

What It Costs to Live Here

- **Property taxes:** depend on the address, school district and any metro district. Look up the actual tax bill.
- **Sales tax:** the state rate is 2.9%; city, county and special district taxes vary by address.
- **Insurance and radon:** hail drives Colorado home insurance costs, and nearly half of Colorado homes test above the EPA radon action level. Get quotes and test during your inspection period.
- **Good to know:** Boulder sits at the edge of the foothills, so ask about wildfire mitigation and insurance on homes near open space, and check floodplain maps near the creeks.

Things to Do Once You're Here

- **Chautauqua and the Flatirons** trailheads
- **Open Space and Mountain Parks:** about 35,600 acres open to the public
- **Pearl Street Mall**, the farmers market and CU events

Relocating to Boulder? We'll narrow neighborhoods with you by video call, tour homes live or by video, and connect you with local lenders and inspectors. If your employer offers **REAL Assistance**, you may qualify for free relocation support.

Call or text Matthew Starr: 720-432-8695

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Updated October 2026. Sources: local town and city websites, county motor vehicle offices, the Colorado DMV, school districts, RTD and the U.S. Census Bureau. Market figures from MLS listings as of October 21, 2026. General information, not legal, tax or financial advice; confirm details with the agency involved.