

Moving to Fort Collins, Colorado

Your 2026 Relocation Guide from New Horizons Real Estate

169,810	~60 mi	Larimer	PSD
residents (2020 Census)	to Denver	County seat	school district

Fort Collins is Northern Colorado's largest city and the Larimer County seat. It is home to Colorado State University, a lively historic Old Town, the Cache la Poudre River and a famous craft brewing scene.

Your First 90 Days: The Fort Collins Move Checklist

Done	When	Task	Where to do it
[]	Before move-in	Start city electric, water, wastewater and stormwater	Fort Collins Utilities. Some neighborhoods on the edges of town are served by other water districts; confirm for the address.
[]	Before move-in	Start natural gas	Xcel Energy, 1-800-895-4999
[]	Before move-in	Order internet	Connexion, the City's fiber service, or a private provider
[]	First week	Confirm trash and recycling	The City contracts residential trash and recycling with Republic Services
[]	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	Larimer County Vehicle Licensing: offices in Fort Collins, Loveland and Estes Park. Appointments recommended at larimer.gov/bookatime .
[]	Before registering	Emissions test may be required, depending on whether your address is in the program area (parts of Larimer and Weld counties are)	An Air Care Colorado station
[]	Any time	Enroll your kids in school	Poudre 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 Fort Collins

As of October 21, 2026, many single-family homes on our site were listed between about \$475,000 and \$800,000. Prices change daily and are not a guarantee of value.

If you want...	Look at
An entry price	Condos and townhomes in areas like Rigden Farm and Stanton Creek, from the \$300,000s

If you want...	Look at
New construction	Waterfield and East Ridge
Historic homes	Old Town, up to \$2 million and more
Nearby options	Timnath and Severance

Schools

Poudre School District. Register with the district for your neighborhood school, or apply through school choice for another school or program. Colorado State University is in town. School assignments depend on the exact address; confirm with the district before you buy.

Getting Around

- **By car:** I-25 on the east side; US 287 becomes College Avenue through town.
- **By bus:** Transfort runs local routes and MAX bus rapid transit along the Mason Corridor.
- **Regional:** Bustang and FLEX connect to Denver, Loveland, Longmont and Boulder.

Healthcare

UCHealth Poudre Valley Hospital is in Fort Collins, and UCHealth Medical Center of the Rockies is just south in Loveland.

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.

Things to Do Once You're Here

- **Horsetooth Reservoir and Horsetooth Mountain**
- **Poudre River and Spring Creek trails**
- **Old Town** and more than 20 breweries

Relocating to Fort Collins? 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.

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