

Moving to Golden, Colorado

Your 2026 Relocation Guide from New Horizons Real Estate

20,399	~12 mi	Jefferson	Jeffco
residents (2020 Census)	to downtown Denver	County seat	school district

Golden is the Jefferson County seat, tucked between Lookout Mountain and the Table Mountains about 12 miles west of downtown Denver, with Clear Creek running through its historic downtown.

Your First 90 Days: The Golden Move Checklist

Done	When	Task	Where to do it
[]	At closing	Transfer City water, sewer and drainage	City of Golden Utility Billing, 303-384-8026; your title company usually handles the transfer
[]	Before move-in	Start electric and gas	Xcel Energy, 1-800-895-1999
[]	First week	Confirm trash service	Call the City at 303-277-8727 or check with your HOA
[]	Note	Homes outside city limits	Applewood and Genesee have their own water and sanitation districts
[]	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	Jefferson County Motor Vehicle: offices include Golden (100 Jefferson County Pkwy.), Arvada and Lakewood. Appointments required; open Monday to Thursday.
[]	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	Jeffco Public Schools
[]	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 Golden

As of October 21, 2026, about 250 homes were listed with a Golden address on our site. Prices change daily and are not a guarantee of value.

If you want...	Look at
An entry price	Townhomes from the \$400,000s
Mid-century ranch homes	Applewood, about \$500,000 to \$800,000

If you want...	Look at
Near downtown or in the foothills	Parfet Estates and the Village at Genesee, about \$900,000 to \$1.6 million

Schools

Jeffco Public Schools. Register with the district for your neighborhood school, or apply through open enrollment. The Colorado School of Mines is in town. School assignments depend on the exact address; confirm with the district before you buy.

Getting Around

- **Rail:** RTD's W Line light rail ends in Golden.
- **By car:** US 6, Highway 93, C-470 and I-70.
- Boulder is about 25 minutes north on Highway 93.

Healthcare

The nearest full-service hospitals are in Lakewood and Wheat Ridge, including Intermountain Health Lutheran 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.

Things to Do Once You're Here

- **Clear Creek** trail and whitewater park
- **North and South Table Mountain** and Lookout Mountain hikes
- Historic downtown dining and events

Relocating to Golden? 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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