



# ORLANDO

# First 30 Days

## RELOCATION CHECKLIST

**An educational relocation resource  
for Orlando home buyers and renters**

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**WEEK 1–2:**

**UTILITIES & RESIDENCY SETUP**

**Utilities**

- Electric
- Water & sewer
- Trash & recycling
- Internet / cable
- Natural gas (if applicable)
- HOA account setup (if applicable)

**Notes:** Providers vary by municipality. Deposits and processing times may apply.

**DMV & Legal Setup (30-Day Requirement)**

- Transfer driver's license
- Register vehicles & obtain Florida plates
- Update auto insurance
- Register to vote (optional)

**Homeowners Only**

- Apply for the Homestead Exemption (property tax benefit)



## **WEEK 2–3:** **NEIGHBORHOOD SHORTLISTING**

### **1. Commute Awareness**

- Test drive times during peak hours
- Compare distance vs actual drive time
- Factor toll roads and seasonal traffic

### **2. School Zone Awareness**

(For resale and marketability considerations)

- Confirm zoning by address with the district
- Review reassignment policies
- Research enrollment procedures independently

### **3. Lifestyle & Property Fit**

- Housing type (condo, townhome, single-family)
- HOA vs non-HOA governance
- Amenities and service proximity
- Parking, leasing, and usage rules



**WEEK 3-4:**  
**RENT FIRST VS BUY NOW**

**Rent First May Make Sense If:**

- You're unfamiliar with local sub-markets
- You want time to compare neighborhoods
- Plans or employment are still evolving

**Watch for:** HOA approvals, limited inventory, lease escalation terms

**Buy Now May Make Sense If:**

- You're confident in location
- You plan longer-term occupancy
- Financing is secured

**Watch for:** Insurance costs, flood zones, new construction delays

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