

# Relocation Guide to Clay, NY (2025)

Your Complete Toolkit for Moving with Confidence



# Relocating to Clay, NY

## Your 2025 Guide to Cost of Living, Neighborhoods & Lifestyle



### Housing

Find your perfect neighborhood match with detailed pricing and community insights



### Cost of Living

Understand how far your money goes with comprehensive budget breakdowns



### Lifestyle

Discover recreation, dining, and community events that make Clay special



## Welcome to Clay

Hi, I'm **Shawn Cregg, your local Clay relocation specialist.** Whether you're moving here for a new job at Micron, to enjoy a lower cost of living, or to raise your family in a thriving community — this guide will give you everything you need to know.

From neighborhoods to schools to moving checklists, consider this your roadmap to a smooth relocation.

# Why Move to Clay?

## Jobs & Opportunity

9,000+ direct Micron jobs averaging \$100K salary, plus 40,000+ community jobs being created in the region

## Affordable Living

Lower housing costs compared to NYC, Boston, or major tech hubs, stretching your salary further

## Lifestyle Balance

Suburban charm, lakes, parks, and outdoor recreation options for every season

## Community Growth

Clay's population projected to grow 22% by 2045, with expanding amenities and services

## Family-Friendly

Safe neighborhoods, quality schools, and a supportive community atmosphere

# Cost of Living in Clay

## Housing

Median home price significantly below NYC/CA/TX averages, offering more square footage for your money

## Property Taxes

Higher than some states but offset by lower purchase prices and overall cost of living

## Utilities & Transportation

Affordable compared to national averages, with reasonable commute times

## Groceries & Dining

Comparable to other Upstate NY suburbs with a mix of chain and local options

**Bottom Line:** You'll stretch your income further in Clay than in most major tech hubs.



# Top Neighborhoods in Clay



## Bayberry

Established neighborhood with tree-lined streets, great for families. Strong community feel and close to shopping centers and parks.



## Lawton Valley / Great Northern

Convenient access to highways & Micron site. Popular with commuters. Mix of single-family homes & townhouses.



## Cicero-North Syracuse

For those who want top-rated C-NS schools, sports programs, and family amenities with a community focus.



## Waterfront/Oneida River

Perfect for outdoor enthusiasts. Boating, fishing, and scenic living while staying close to Syracuse.

# Schools & Education

## Cicero–North Syracuse (C-NS) School District

Largest in the area with a wide range of academic and extracurricular programs. Known for strong STEM, arts, and athletics.

## Private & Charter Options

Parochial schools and specialty academies available nearby for families seeking alternative education approaches.

## Higher Education Access

Syracuse University, Le Moyne College, Onondaga Community College all within easy commuting distance.

Families relocating often choose Clay for strong school options and a balanced student experience.



C-NS High School



# Things to Do in Clay



## Outdoors

Oneida Lake, Onondaga Lake Park, Erie Canal trails for hiking, biking, kayaking, and fishing year-round



## Entertainment

Destiny USA mall (shopping, dining, entertainment) with over 250 places to shop, eat, and play



## Dining

Mix of local restaurants, breweries, and family-friendly spots offering everything from comfort food to international cuisine



## Community

Festivals, farmers' markets, and year-round events that bring neighbors together and celebrate local culture

# Relocation Tips

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## Start Planning Early

Begin your relocation process 3–6 months before your move date for a smooth transition

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## Hire Local Movers

Syracuse/Clay moving companies know the area well and can navigate local logistics

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## Set Up Utilities

Arrange National Grid (electric/gas), Spectrum/Verizon (internet), and water services early

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## Update DMV Info

Change your license/registration promptly after moving to comply with NY state requirements


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## Visit Before Buying

If possible, tour neighborhoods & schools before purchasing to find your perfect match



 **Pro Tip:** Winter moves in Clay require special planning due to snow. Consider timing your move between May and October if possible.



# Local Resources

## Government

**DMV Services:**

<https://dmv.ny.gov>

**Town of Clay Website:**

<https://townofclay.org>

## Education

**C-NS School District:**

<https://cns.school>

**Onondaga County Libraries:**

North Syracuse & Cicero branches

## Services

**Utilities:** National Grid, Onondaga County Water Authority

**Healthcare:** Upstate University Hospital, St. Joseph's Health

# Move to Clay Toolkit

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## Research neighborhoods & schools

Identify your top 3 priority areas based on commute, budget, and family needs

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## Get pre-approved with a local lender

Work with a Clay-area mortgage professional who understands the local market

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## Book a relocation consult with Shawn

Get personalized guidance tailored to your specific situation and needs

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## Schedule movers & timeline

Book 6-8 weeks in advance, especially during summer peak season

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## Transfer utilities & internet

Set up accounts 2-3 weeks before arrival to ensure service on move-in day

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## Update DMV/license/registration

Complete within 30 days of establishing residency in New York State

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## Explore Clay with a local guide

Visit parks, restaurants, and shopping areas to get familiar with your new hometown

# Ready to Start Your Move?

Let's make your relocation stress-free. I'll help you find the perfect home in Clay, connect you with local lenders, and guide you every step of the way.

## 9+

**Years Experience**

Serving the Greater Syracuse area

## 30+

**Local Expert**

Years in Syracuse area

## 100%

**Satisfaction**

Commitment to your smooth transition

**Schedule your free Relocation Consult today with Shawn Cregg**

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## Your Journey to Clay Starts Here

I hope this guide has provided you with valuable insights and resources for your move to Clay, NY. From vibrant communities to excellent schools and abundant recreational opportunities, Clay offers a welcoming environment for your new chapter.

I am dedicated to making your transition seamless and successful. Reach out today to take the next step!