

How to Make a Successful Move to the Mountains

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If you've always dreamed of escaping the traffic, noise and smog of the city, then moving to the mountains may be for you. But, have you ever really thought about what's involved in such a move?

Living in mountainous, resort communities requires a lot of preparation and thought. It's usually expensive and lacking in a many of the amenities that you're use to. Here's what to think about before you start packing.

Difficulty: Moderate

Instructions

things you'll need:

- A computer
- Access to the Internet
- Reliable transportation
- 6 to 12 months savings

- 1 One of the first things you should decide before moving to the mountains is whether or not you'll need to work. If you're retired and just looking for a place for new adventures, your move will be easier than if you need to find a [job](#).
- 2 If you need to find a job, begin by perusing the classified ads in the local newspapers in the area where you'd like to live. You can find the classified ads in a wide variety of newspapers at your local library or you can find them on [the Internet](#) by searching for them using one of the popular search engines.
- 3 Purchasing a home is generally an expensive proposition in the mountains. With the demand being much higher than the supply, the price of real estate often out paces equivalent offerings in major metropolitan cities. Using your favorite search engine, explore the current real estate listings for the area you're interested in. Many real estate firms have sites with access to the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) in their area.
- 4 Finding a place to rent can also be difficult. If you're relocating to a winter resort, try to postpone your move until the summer or fall, after the peak [vacation](#) periods as there will be more to choose from at better prices.
- 5 Explore the cost of living for the area by reading the classified ads in local newspapers. Compare the price of milk, rent and a gallon of gas to what you are currently paying. This will give you an idea of how much you'll need to earn.
- 6 Check with your insurance agents about whether or not your medical, car and homeowners insurance will still be valid in your new location. You many need to switch companies if you're moving out of the state.
- 7 If you have children, contact the local schools to make sure you'll be able to get your kids into class at the appropriate time. Since schools are often smaller, you may find it difficult to find a place that will have room for your children in time for the school year.

Tips & Warnings

- One of the best places for getting advice about moving is the Chamber of Commerce for the area you're interested in. They can often send you relocation kits with loads of helpful information.

- Check with your bank, insurance agent or other professionals to see if they have relocation assistance available. They usually do.
- If you don't have a car, get one. Public transportation is generally poor in resort towns.
- Research the weather for the place you're moving to. You may be in for some abrupt changes in lifestyle, especially if it rains or snows more than you're used to.

Resources

- [Get helpful advice for your move](#)
- [Find someone to help you move](#)