

Your Snohomish County Moving Checklist

A printable step-by-step plan for researching, buying and settling into a new community.



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A personal introduction

Hi, I'm Curt Simmons. After more than 22 years helping buyers and sellers across Snohomish County, I know that a smoother move starts with the details: financing, timing, the neighborhood, and the condition of the property itself. This printable checklist keeps the steps organized, from choosing your communities to settling into your new home.

SAVE THIS CHECKLIST AND WORK THROUGH IT AT YOUR OWN PACE.

Early planning

- ☐ Set a target move date, purchase budget and acceptable monthly payment.
- ☐ List must-haves, nice-to-haves and deal breakers.
- ☐ Get lender preapproval and confirm down-payment / closing-cost funds.
- ☐ Decide whether you must sell another home first.
- ☐ Map work, school, healthcare and frequent travel destinations.

Compare Snohomish County communities

- ☐ Read the countywide relocation guide and relevant individual city guides.
- ☐ Shortlist two to four cities or neighborhoods.
- ☐ Test rush-hour drives and any bus / rail connections.
- ☐ Visit shopping areas, parks and streets at different times.
- ☐ Confirm school districts and service providers directly, if relevant.

Understand the full home cost

- ☐ Compare recent closed sales, not just list prices.
- ☐ Estimate mortgage, taxes, insurance, HOA and utilities.
- ☐ Set aside reserves for upkeep and unexpected repairs.
- ☐ Verify insurance availability and flood-related requirements.
- ☐ Consider the cost of longer commutes and maintenance.

Before submitting an offer

- ☐ Review seller disclosure and available permits / past work.
- ☐ Verify access, easements and intended uses with appropriate specialists.
- ☐ Consider inspection, sewer/septic, well, drainage or other evaluations as appropriate.
- ☐ Confirm HOA and condominium documents, if applicable.
- ☐ Understand earnest-money, financing, inspection and other contract deadlines.

Once under contract

- ☐ Schedule inspections and review findings with your broker.
- ☐ Complete lending and appraisal tasks by agreed deadlines.
- ☐ Arrange homeowners insurance.
- ☐ Verify closing funds and wiring details directly with your escrow team.
- ☐ Schedule movers, utility connections and address changes.

After closing

- ☐ Confirm keys, garage remotes, codes, warranties and manuals.
- ☐ Transfer or open water, sewer, electricity, gas, internet and waste service.
- ☐ Update registrations, insurance, mailing address and subscriptions.
- ☐ Locate water shutoff, electrical panel and safety devices.
- ☐ Plan seasonal maintenance and learn about community services.

My target city / cities: _____

My target move date: _____ Target monthly budget: _____

Questions for Curt: _____

Explore the complete city guides: curt-simmons.huzi.site

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