



Just Moved!

Your Penticton Checklist

Congratulations on your decision to move to Penticton. Welcome home! Use this checklist to help make your transition go as smoothly and quickly as possible.

Step 1 - Find a Place to Live

You might need a short-term place to stay before finding the right home. Search [visitpenticton.com](https://www.visitpenticton.com) for an online inventory of B&Bs, motels, vacation rentals, hostels and campsites.

Rent a Home

Looking for a place to rent? You'll find classified ads and listings on:

- [castanet.net](https://www.castanet.net)
- [craigslist.org](https://www.craigslist.org)
- [kijiji.ca](https://www.kijiji.ca)
- [rentals.ca](https://www.rentals.ca)
- Facebook: [Penticton and area house / apartment rentals](#)

Some local property rental companies include:

- [Chase Valley Rentals](#)
- [Pacific Cove Properties](#)
- [Broadstreet Properties](#)
- [South Okanagan Property Rentals](#)
- [Highstreet](#)

At the [Rise on Nanaimo](#) and [Backstreet Boulevard](#), you'll find affordable rates geared toward your income.

Another option is the off-season rentals at Apex Mountain Resort, where you'll find fully furnished condos and townhouses. Try [Stay at Apex](#) and the Apex Facebook groups.

Buy a Home

Scan the MLS listings of homes for sale on listing services such as [realtor.ca](https://www.realtor.ca). If you're looking for a realtor, the [Association of Interior Realtors](#) can help.

Step 2 - Set Up Your City Accounts

☐ Electricity & Water

To set up a [utilities account](#), you'll need two pieces of ID with your signature, and if you're renting, a copy of your rental agreement. You can complete the [Application for Service](#) form and email it along with scans of two pieces of identification to utilities@penticton.ca (include a scan of your lease agreement if applicable as well). Or drop it off to City Hall at 171 Main Street during office hours (You'll need to show your ID here as well).

☐ Garbage, Recycling & Yard Waste

The City of Penticton posts the residential [garbage collection schedule](#) online. You can also call 250-490-3888 for details or visit the [City website](#). *Important:* If you live outside the City of Penticton, your residential waste collection may be handled by the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS).

After your move, here are some ways to get rid of packing materials and other household items.

- Once a year, large items such as furniture or appliances are picked up curbside.
- Yard waste and recycling is collected on alternating weeks.
- Purchase stickers for additional garbage at City Hall.

Other waste such as glass, plastic wrap, beverage containers or paint can be taken to [J&C Bottle Depot](#) (200 Rosetown Ave). Return many items, including cardboard boxes, old appliances and household hazardous waste, to the [Campbell Mountain Landfill](#) (1765 Reservoir Road).

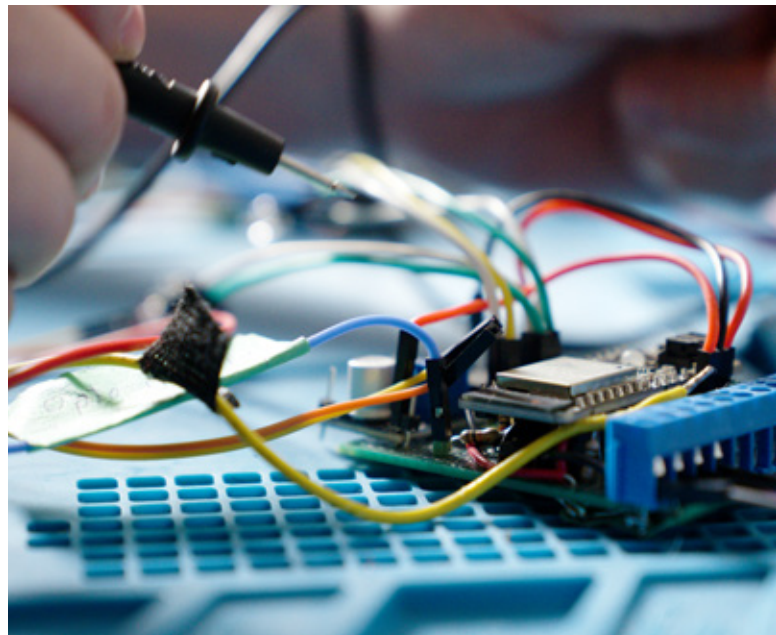
Step 3 - Change Your Address

- ❑ Contact [FortisBC](#) to transfer or set up a natural gas account. Calling at least two days prior to your move-in is recommended. Ph: 1-888-224-2710.
- ❑ Transfer your telephone, internet and/or cable. If you require a new account, you'll find several telecommunications companies in Penticton, including [Bell](#), [Telus](#), [Rogers](#) and [Starlink](#).
- ❑ Visit any Autoplan Agency to update your auto insurance.
- ❑ Visit Service Canada at 386 Ellis Street to update your passport or to discuss issues including your EI, CPP, Disability Benefits or Foreign Credentials Referral.
- ❑ Visit Service BC at 40 Calgary Avenue to:
 - update the address on your B.C. driver's licence or to switch to a B.C. driver's licence from another province or country.
 - update or enrol in the provincial healthcare program (Medical Services Plan), which is required for B.C. residents. You can also [apply online](#).
 - update or register to vote provincially.

Step 4 - Healthcare

[Penticton Regional Hospital](#), at 550 Carmi Avenue, is a full-service facility offering 24-hour emergency services. The [Penticton Health Centre](#), at 740 Carmi Avenue, also offers a range of health services including immunizations (Ph: 250-770-3434).

- ❑ **Find a family doctor:** Add your name to the centralized waitlist at [divisionsbc.ca/sos](#). You can also check the [find-a-physician tool](#) maintained by the BC College of Physicians and Surgeons or call around local doctors' offices to add your name to specific waiting lists.
- ❑ **Walk-in medical clinics:** While waiting for a doctor, you can visit a walk-in clinic. These include:
 - Apple Plaza Walk-In: 1848 Main Street
 - Peach City Medical & Urgent Care: Cherry Lane Mall



Step 5 - Looking for Work

Register with the local [WorkBC Employment Services Centre](#), which provides information, services, programs and support during your job search. For jobs connected to the tech sector, check out Accelerate Okanagan's online job board

Start a Business

Do you have a business idea? Or are you looking to relocate to Penticton? Penticton's Economic Development Office can provide advice and answer your questions (250-490-2591, economicdevelopment@penticton.ca). We also encourage you to check out our [Business Resources](#) page and visit our interactive [pentictonbiztoolkit.com](#) for local market statistics.

Need a business licence? Contact the City's business licencing representatives to find out what's required. Ph: 250-490-2488 or businesslicences@penticton.ca.

Be a Virtual Worker

Penticton is becoming a hub for these independent workers who value an active lifestyle with more flexibility. You'll find some great tips on [StartHerePenticton.com](#) that will inspire you to live "life beyond the cubicle." You may also want to check out the independent worker community at [Cowork Penticton](#) and [The Standard Space](#).

Why Penticton?

- no time wasted in traffic
- a close-knit community that celebrates sports, arts, the natural environment, local food and beverages
- high-speed fibre optic internet options
- two airports within easy access

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Step 6 - Finding Your People

Penticton is a welcoming community with many opportunities for social and business networking.

Here are some to get started, with more business options listed on the City's [Business Resources](#) page and social groups in the latest [Recreation Guide](#).

- **South Okanagan Immigrant & Community Services:** offer language and settlement support for newcomers to Canada
- **100 Women Who Care & 100 Men Who Care:** networking & charitable giving
- **Penticton & Wine Country Chamber of Commerce**
- **Community Futures Okanagan Similkameen:** builds entrepreneurial capacity through business loans, support and advisory services
- Two Rotary clubs: **Penticton Okanagan Rotary** and the **Rotary Club of Penticton**
- **Penticton Women in Business**
- **Penticton Arts Council**
- **Penticton Art Gallery:** Exhibitions, events, classes
- Junior Chamber International for young professionals (**JCI Penticton**)
- **Accelerate Okanagan:** mentorship and coaching for tech companies

- **Penticton Newcomers Club:** meet on the third Monday of the month
- **Foundry Penticton:** youth resource and gathering centre
- **Seniors Drop-in Centre**
- **Penticton meetup groups**
- **Cowork Penticton:** coworking space and community with drop-in Friday evening social events
- **South Okanagan Tabletop Board Games:** all ages and skill levels welcome
- Also check out the events listings on visitpenticton.com to find activities that catch your interest

Upcoming Events

You're moving to a region filled with festivals and events for every interest. Check out visitpenticton.com, downtownpenticton.org and penticton.ca/events to see what's coming up.

Get Involved

Volunteering is a great way to meet others and feel engaged with your community. Scope out the volunteer opportunities at:

- volunteercentre.info
- **Penticton Community Centre**
- **RCMP**
- **Penticton Museum & Archives**



Step 7 - Family Life

☐ Find Childcare

The best way to start your search is to connect with [OneSky Community Resources](#) which provides information involving childcare options. Also check out the Facebook group [Penticton Childcare](#), which is a great place to post questions, and the [Penticton Moms Supporting Moms](#) Facebook page, where you can get connected with other local parents.

☐ Other Family Support

From special needs assistance to counselling and childcare referrals, [OneSky Community Resources](#) is well acquainted with Penticton services and can help you find what you need. They can also help you apply for childcare subsidies.

Another fantastic resource is [Foundry Penticton](#), a 'one-stop shop' building at 501 Main Street for youth programming, support and health services. Drop in to their location to find out more about their various services.

☐ Register for School

Penticton's public schools belong to School District 67: Okanagan Skaha. For a full listing of your options (including French immersion and alternative learning programs), visit [sd67.bc.ca](#). Other options in Penticton include a French language public school and numerous private schools. In addition, the [Penticton Centre for Exceptional Learning](#) offers an education program for students with special needs. Another big draw for many families is the [Okanagan Hockey Academy](#). In nearby Summerland is [Unisus International School](#), a private IB certified K-12 school.

Your post-secondary options include [Okanagan College](#), [Sprott Shaw College](#) and two flight training schools: [HNZ Topflight](#) and [BP Aviation](#).

Step 8 - Getting Around

Drive from one side of the city to the other within 15 minutes. You can also get around by cycling, walking, taxis and public transit. For walking and riding routes, check out our [trail maps](#).

Local bus service is provided by [BC Transit](#). You can view route information and current schedules online or download the [Rider Guide](#) for reference. Use the [Umo app](#) or reloadable card to pay your fares for trips in the South Okanagan Similkameen region.

Need to get to Kelowna? Take a [\\$5 bus ride](#) on the #70!

A [handyDART](#) service is available for those with disabilities.

Key Contacts

Penticton's Economic Development Office can provide advice and answer your questions! Ph: 250-490-2591, economicdevelopment@penticton.ca

Here are some other key contacts:

Penticton City Hall: 171 Main Street, General Switchboard: 250-490-2400. Hours of operation: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (closed for all statutory holidays)

Business Licences: 250-490-2488, businesslicences@penticton.ca

Bylaws: 250-490-2440, bylaw@penticton.ca

Missed your waste collection? Phone: 250-490-3888

Taxes: 250-490-2485, taxclk@penticton.ca

Utilities Billing (Electric & Water): 250-490-2489, utilities@penticton.ca

Penticton RCMP: 250-492-4300

Penticton Fire Department: 250-490-2300

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