

Newcomer Connections

MECKLENBURG

ELECTRICITY	
Duke Energy.....	800.777.9898
Energy United.....	800.522.3793
Union Power Co-op.....	704.289.3145
Electricities.....	704.948.0550
Pineville Electric Company.....	704.889.2291
WATER	
City of Charlotte.....	704.336.7600
Carolina Water.....	704.495.9715
GAS	
Piedmont Natural Gas.....	800.752.7504
PSNC Energy.....	877.776.2427
PHONE	
BellSouthAT&T.....	888.757.6500
Pineville Telephone Company.....	704.889.2001
Windstream.....	704.847.4828
TRASH	
Charlotte Solid Waste Services.....	704.336.2673
Town of Pineville.....	704.889.2291
Town of Matthews.....	704.847.4411
Town of Huntersville (Waste Management ...)	1800.972.8362
Allied Waste Services.....	704.393.6900
CABLE	
Time Warner Cable.....	704.377.9600
Adelphia Cable.....	888.683.1000

GASTON

ELECTRICITY	
Duke Energy.....	800.777.9898
City of Gastonia Electric Dept.....	704.866.6714
WATER	
City of Gastonia.....	704.866.6043
City of Belmont.....	704.825.5586
GAS	
PSNC.....	877.776.2427
PHONE	
BellSouth.....	888.757.6500
TRASH	
City of Gastonia.....	704.866.6894
CABLE	
Time Warner Cable.....	704.864.8327

CABARRUS

ELECTRICITY	
Duke Energy.....	800.777.9898
Energy United.....	800.522.3793
Union Power Co-op.....	800.922.6840

WATER	
City of Concord.....	704.920.5341
GAS	
Piedmont Natural Gas.....	800.752.7504
PSNC Energy.....	877.776.2427
PHONE	
BellSouthAT&T.....	888.757.6500
Windstream.....	800.560.8007
TRASH	
Cabarrus.....	704.920.EARTH
City of Concord.....	704.920.5555
Allied Waste Services.....	704.394.1353
CABLE	
Time Warner Cable.....	877.566.4892

IREDELL

ELECTRICITY	
Duke Power.....	800.777.9898
Energy United.....	800.522.3793
WATER	
Town of Mooresville.....	704.663.3800
GAS	
PSNC Energy.....	877.776.2427
PHONE	
AT&T.....	888.757.6500
TRASH	
Town of Mooresville.....	704.664.4278
CABLE	
Time Warner Cable.....	877.566.4892
Adelphia.....	888.683.1000

UNION

ELECTRICITY	
Duke Energy.....	800.777.9898
Union Power Co-op.....	704.794.4423
City of Monroe.....	704.282.4511
WATER	
Union County Public Works.....	704.296.4210
City of Monroe.....	704.282.4511
GAS	
Piedmont Natural Gas.....	800.752.7504
PSNC Energy.....	877.776.2427
City of Monroe.....	704.282.4511
PHONE	
BellSouthAT&T.....	888.757.6500
Windstream.....	704.847.4828
Verizon.....	800.483.4300
TRASH	
City of Monroe.....	704.282.4551
CABLE	
Time Warner Cable.....	704.377.6900

YORK

ELECTRICITY	
Duke Energy.....	800.777.9898
York Electric Co-op.....	803.648.4248
City of Rock Hill.....	803.329.5500
WATER	
Carolina Water.....	803.548.0821
City of Tega Cay.....	803.548.0821
City of Rock Hill.....	803.329.5500
Town of Clover.....	803.222.9495
Town of Fort Mill.....	803.547.2116
GAS	
York County Natural Gas.....	803.329.5255
PHONE	
BellSouthAT&T.....	888.757.6500
Comporium Communications.....	803.548.9011
TRASH	
York County.....	803.628.3181
City of Tega Cay (Signature Waste).....	704.714.9400
City of Rock Hill.....	803.329.5600
Town of Clover.....	803.222.9495
Town of Fort Mill.....	803.547.7158
CABLE	
Comporium Communications.....	803.548.9011

Facts and Information

DRIVER'S LICENSE

North Carolina

All new residents who plan to operate motor vehicles must obtain an N.C. driver's license within 60 days of establishing a permanent residence here. Most newcomers, unless they drive commercial vehicles, will want a Class C license, which permits operation of passenger cars and small trucks. If you drive a motorcycle, you'll also need a motorcycle endorsement shown on your driver's license or possess a motorcycle learner permit. You must pass an additional fee and pass a motorcycle knowledge test and road skills test on your motorcycle to receive the endorsement. Licensed drivers who are 16 or 17 years old must present proof of completion of a state-approved driver education course in their former state.

For more information on N.C. driver's license and motor vehicle registration rules, call DMV directAccess at 919.715.7000. You can access recorded information 24 hours a day using a touch-tone telephone by following the prompts. Or check the DMV Web site www.dmv.dot.state.nc.us.

- Driver's License Offices
6407 Idlewild Road, Ste. 3,
Room 112, Charlotte..... 704.531.5563
- 3704 Central Ave. Ste, 1,
Charlotte 704.392.3266
- 8446 N. Tryon St., Charlotte..... 704.547.5787
- 201-A W. Arrowood Road,
Charlotte 704.527.2563
- 6016 Brookshire Blvd.,
Charlotte 704.392.3267
- 2192 Kannapolis Hwy.,
Concord 704.782.7214
- 905 Carolina Ave. N.,
Statesville..... 704.878.4220
- 533 Patterson Ave., Ste. 100,
 Mooresville 704.664.3344

- 3122 U.S. 74 W., Monroe 704.283.4264
- 2560 W. Franklin Ave.,
Gastonia 704.853.5372
- 785 W. Charlotte Ave., Unit 2,
Mount Holly 704.827.9486

South Carolina

Newcomers who plan to operate motor vehicles must obtain an S.C. driver's license within 90 days of becoming a permanent resident. Most newcomers, unless they drive commercial vehicles, will need a class D license, which allows the operation of passenger cars and small trucks.

If you hold a commercial license, you must obtain an S.C. commercial license within 30 days. If you operate a motorcycle, you'll also need a motorcycle endorsement. Additionally, newcomers who operate motorcycles or mopeds exclusively may obtain licenses covering only those vehicles. A conditional license allows residents 15 years old to drive alone during daylight hours or at night under adult supervision until they reach the age of 16.

For more information, call the DMV Call Center at 803.896.5000, or check the Web site at www.scdmvonline.com.

- Driver's License Offices
305 Hands Mill Road,
Rock Hill 803.329.6332
- 1070 Heckle Blvd., Ste. 100,
RockHill 803.909.7161

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

North Carolina

You must register your vehicle before the reciprocity agreement between North Carolina and your former state expires (usually 30 days). Registration is renewed annually.

To register your vehicle, apply in person at a license plate agency and present your title (unless title is held by a lienholder) and a valid registration card from your former state. If your title is held by a lienholder, you must provide the lienholder's name and address on a state form for

title release. You also must present proof of vehicle liability insurance at or above minimum standards (see driver's license information for the list of acceptable documents).

Fees due when you receive N.C. registration include certificate of title, \$40; license plate registration fee, \$28; and highway use tax, which is three percent of the value of your vehicle. DMV registration offices accept checks.

You also must get a vehicle safety inspection within 10 days of receiving your N.C. license plate. This can be done at any state-authorized inspection station and is required annually. Some counties also require an emissions inspection, which is conducted at the same time as the safety inspection.

Although the state does not levy sales tax on motor vehicles, N.C. counties assess property taxes annually. Your car will be registered when you receive your license plate, and you'll receive a bill in about three months.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION OFFICES

- 6016 Brookshire Blvd.
Charlotte 704.399.8306
- 6058 E. Independence Blvd.
Charlotte 704.535.2525
- 4200-H South Blvd.
Charlotte 704.525.3832
- 1509 Dale Earnhardt Blvd.
Kannapolis..... 704.932.3146
- 4612 Hwy. 49 S.
Harrisburg..... 704.455.9517
- 121 W. Water St.
Statesville..... 704.873.3185
- 125-3 N. Main St.
 Mooresville 704.663.5472
- 622E W. Roosevelt Blvd.
Monroe 704.283.4113

1471 E. Franklin Blvd.
 Gastonia 704.864.4856

South Carolina

You can register your motor vehicles at any of the driver's license offices listed in the Driver's License section.

You must register your car or truck within 45 days of moving to South Carolina. To obtain a license plate, you will need your vehicle's title or current registration and proof that you have liability insurance. Additionally, you will have to pay the property taxes on your vehicle and furnish the registration office with a receipt issued by the tax office in the county where you live. After this initial registration, the county auditor will mail you a tax notice each year about a month before your registration expires.

The registration fee is \$24 (\$20 if you are 65 or older or if you are disabled). The fee covers two years, but validation stickers for your license plate must be obtained each year.

South Carolina has no mandatory annual vehicle safety inspection law. However, the state still has minimum standards for safety-related equipment, such as tires, lights and glazing, and these standards are enforced by state troopers.

PROPERTY TAXES

North Carolina

Rates for fiscal 2007-08 (ended June 30, 2008). All rates per \$100 assessed valuation. 2008-2009 rates unavailable at time of publication.

Mecklenburg County.....	\$0.8387
Cabarrus County.....	\$0.63
Cleveland County.....	\$0.73
Gaston County.....	\$0.84
Iredell County.....	\$0.445
Lincoln County.....	\$0.61
Rowan County.....	\$0.5950
Union County.....	\$0.7111
Belmont.....	\$0.475
Bessemer City.....	\$0.41
Charlotte.....	\$0.4586
Cherryville.....	\$0.44
China Grove.....	\$0.38
Concord.....	\$0.4475
Cornelius.....	\$0.275
Cramerton.....	\$0.425

Dallas.....	\$0.38
Davidson.....	\$0.345
Gastonia.....	\$0.53
Harmony.....	\$0.10
Harrisburg.....	\$0.135
Hemby Bridge.....	\$0.03
High Shoals.....	\$0.40
Huntersville.....	\$0.29
Indian Trail.....	\$0.15
Kannapolis.....	\$0.497
Kings Mountain.....	\$0.40
Lake Park.....	\$0.23
Lincolnton.....	\$0.56
Locust.....	\$0.36
Love Valley.....	\$0.25
Lowell.....	\$0.40
Marvin.....	\$0.05
Matthews.....	\$0.3075
McAdenville.....	\$0.30
Midland.....	\$0.15
Mineral Springs.....	\$0.027
Mint Hill.....	\$0.275
Monroe.....	\$0.55
Mooresville.....	\$0.55
Mount Holly.....	\$0.54
Mount Pleasant.....	\$0.44
Pineville.....	\$0.30
Ranlo.....	\$0.37
Salisbury.....	\$0.59
Shelby.....	\$0.42
Spencer Mountain.....	\$0.13
Stallings.....	\$0.25
Stanley.....	\$0.54
Statesville.....	\$0.38
Troutman.....	\$0.48
Unionville.....	\$0.02
Waxhaw.....	\$0.34
Weddington.....	\$0.03
Wesley Chapel.....	\$0.02

South Carolina

Millage rates for fiscal year 2007; 2008 rates unavailable at time of publication. Rates include city, county and school district levies.

Clover.....	379.0
Fort Mill.....	348.6
Rock Hill.....	370.0
Tega Cay.....	350.6
York.....	431.6

Rates are established in May or June of each year in conjunction with annual budget preparation. Depending on where you live, you may owe taxes to a combination of governments – for example, both Mecklenburg County and the city where you live. The list above doesn't include some extra taxes and fees you may have to pay, such as fire districts, special development districts and solid-waste fees. So your total tax rate may be higher than the figures listed above.

Local property taxes are assessed annually on real property, including homes, cars and boats. Bills for homes, land and the like are mailed in September and payable without penalty by the date specified in early January. Cars are handled differently. The state generates a list of motorists who receive motor vehicle licenses and forwards that information to the county, which generates property tax bills on the vehicles a few weeks later.

For further tax information, call the tax office in your county:

Mecklenburg	704.336.7600
Cabarrus	704.920.2166
Cleveland	704.484.4911
Gaston	704.866.3158
Iredell	704.878.3010
Lincoln	704.736.8542
Rowan	704.261.8544
Union	704.283.3848
York	803.684.8527