

# Your Complete Guide to Moving to Homewood, IL

## Welcome to Homewood

Homewood is an established south suburb of Chicago that perfectly balances small-town charm with convenient urban access. Located approximately 25 miles south of downtown Chicago, this community has attracted families and professionals for generations with its tree-lined streets, strong sense of community, and excellent transportation connections. The village offers a genuine suburban lifestyle while keeping Chicago's cultural attractions, employment centers, and entertainment within easy reach via both highway and rail options.

What sets Homewood apart from other Chicago suburbs is its combination of accessibility and established character. The community features a historic downtown area, well-maintained parks, and a mix of housing styles that reflect decades of thoughtful development. Residents appreciate the village's commitment to maintaining its neighborhood feel while providing modern amenities and services. With direct Metra train service to downtown Chicago and proximity to major highways, Homewood has become a favorite for commuters who want more space and a stronger community connection than city living provides.

## Planning Your Move

Timing your move to Homewood requires some strategic thinking, especially if you have school-age children. June through August represents peak moving season in this family-friendly suburb, as most households coordinate relocations with the school calendar to minimize disruption for their children. If you're planning a summer move, booking your moving date 3-4 weeks in advance is essential to secure your preferred date and time. Experienced [Homewood movers handle these logistics daily and can guide you through the scheduling process. Fall and spring offer excellent alternatives with better availability and less competition for weekend dates, though you'll need to coordinate more carefully with school schedules if children are involved.](#)

The logistics of moving in Homewood differ significantly from urban Chicago moves. Most properties feature driveway and garage access, which simplifies the loading and unloading process considerably compared to street parking situations common in the city. However, many Homewood homes are multi-level with basements, requiring careful planning for furniture and heavy items navigation. The village's suburban layout means moves typically progress more quickly once underway, though timing matters—scheduling your move outside of rush hour (roughly 7-9 AM and 4-6 PM) helps avoid the commuter traffic that flows through the area on major routes. While Homewood generally doesn't require special moving permits like some municipalities, confirming any homeowners association rules or building requirements ahead of time prevents last-minute complications.

# Living Here

Daily life in Homewood centers around its blend of suburban convenience and community connection. The village features a walkable downtown area along Dixie Highway with local shops, restaurants, and services that give the community a genuine small-town feel. Families particularly appreciate the village's parks and recreation programs, which provide year-round activities for all ages. The Homewood Public Library serves as another community hub, offering far more than books—it's a gathering place and resource center. Grocery stores, retail centers, and essential services are all readily accessible, meaning most daily errands can be completed without venturing far from home.

The commuting options available from Homewood represent one of its strongest selling points for professionals working in Chicago. The Homewood Metra station provides Electric District service to Millennium Station downtown, with trains running frequently during peak hours and offering a stress-free alternative to highway driving. For those who prefer driving, Interstate 80/94, Interstate 57, and several major state routes provide multiple paths into the city and to other suburban employment centers. This transportation flexibility allows couples to optimize their commutes even when working in different areas. The local school districts draw many families to Homewood, and understanding the school boundaries and calendars helps when planning your move—most experienced moving companies in the area have learned to accommodate the summer moving rush and can also handle mid-year relocations when necessary.

## Moving Tips for Homewood

1. **\*\*Schedule around commuter traffic\*\***: Plan your move to begin after 9 AM and avoid late afternoon hours when expressway traffic backs up through the area. Weekend moves offer more flexibility with traffic patterns.
1. **\*\*Prepare for multi-level homes\*\***: Most Homewood properties include basements and multiple floors. Clearly label boxes by destination floor and consider which furniture pieces might need disassembly for staircase navigation.
1. **\*\*Verify HOA requirements\*\***: If moving to a townhome or condo community, check with your homeowners association about any move-in/move-out requirements, elevator reservations, or time restrictions at least two weeks before your moving date.
1. **\*\*Protect your driveways\*\***: Winter and early spring moves should account for potential weather issues. Even with driveway access, discuss floor protection with your movers to prevent tracking during muddy or snowy conditions.
1. **\*\*Update your commuter information\*\***: If you'll be using Metra for work, purchase your passes and familiarize yourself with the schedule before your first workday. Parking at the station can fill up during peak season.

1. **\*\*Coordinate utilities early\*\***: Schedule connection dates for electricity, gas, water, and internet at least two weeks before your move date. Some providers have longer wait times during peak moving season.

## Getting Settled in Homewood

Once you've moved in, prioritizing a few key tasks helps you feel at home more quickly. Register your vehicles with the Village Clerk's office if required, update your driver's license, and register to vote at your new address. If you have children, complete school registration as early as possible—the district offices are helpful in guiding new families through enrollment. Take time to explore your neighborhood on foot, introduce yourself to neighbors, and locate your nearest parks and walking paths. The Homewood Public Library offers a resident card that provides access to extensive resources, and stopping by is a great way to learn about community events and programs. Many residents also recommend joining local social media groups and community pages to stay informed about village happenings, recommendations, and neighborhood news.

## FAQs About Moving to Homewood

**Q: How much does it cost to hire movers in Homewood?**

**A: Moving costs in Homewood typically range from \$400-\$800 for local moves within the south suburbs, depending on home size and distance. A two-bedroom home averages \$500-\$650, while larger three to four-bedroom homes run \$700-\$1,200. Factors affecting cost include staircase navigation, basement items, and distance to your new location. Summer moves during peak season may have higher rates.**

**Q: When is the best time to move to Homewood?**

**A: Fall (September-October) and spring (April-May) offer the best combination of weather, availability, and pricing for Homewood moves. While summer aligns with school schedules and is most popular with families, you'll face higher competition for dates and potentially higher rates. Early fall moves allow children to start school on time while avoiding peak season premiums and booking challenges.**

**Q: Do I need a parking permit or moving permit in Homewood?**

**A: Homewood typically doesn't require special moving permits for single-family homes with driveway access. However, if you're moving into a townhome or condominium, check with your homeowners association about specific requirements. Some buildings require advance notice, insurance certificates from movers, or designated time windows**

for move-ins and move-outs.

**Q: What makes Homewood challenging for moves compared to other suburbs?**

**A: The primary challenge in Homewood is navigating multi-level homes with basements, which characterize much of the housing stock. Basement stairs are often narrower than main floor stairs, requiring careful planning for large furniture and appliances. Timing around commuter traffic patterns also matters more here than in suburbs farther from Chicago, particularly if your move involves highway transport during weekday rush hours.**

**Q: Why do families choose Homewood over other Chicago south suburbs?**

**A: Families are drawn to Homewood's combination of established neighborhoods, direct Metra access to Chicago, and strong sense of community. The village offers more affordable housing than some closer-in suburbs while maintaining excellent transportation connections. The walkable downtown area, quality schools, and family-oriented parks and programs create an appealing environment for raising children while keeping career opportunities in Chicago accessible.**

**Q: How long does a typical move take in Homewood?**

**A: A standard Homewood move for a two to three-bedroom home takes 4-6 hours for local relocations within the south suburbs. Larger homes or those with extensive basement items may require 6-8 hours. Moves to or from Chicago proper add transit time. Having driveway access and organized packing significantly reduces moving time compared to situations requiring long carries or multiple trips from the truck.**

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