

# Your Complete Guide to Moving to Lemont, Illinois

## Welcome to Lemont

Nestled in the southwest suburbs of Chicago along the historic Illinois & Michigan Canal, Lemont offers a unique blend of small-town charm and convenient suburban living. This picturesque community is distinguished by its beautiful limestone buildings, tree-lined streets, and a downtown district that has preserved its 19th-century character. With the Des Plaines River and scenic waterways threading through the area, Lemont provides a refreshing alternative to typical suburban developments while maintaining excellent access to Chicago and surrounding communities.

What truly sets Lemont apart is its balance of history and modern convenience. The village has maintained its character as one of the oldest communities in the Chicago area while evolving to meet the needs of today's families and professionals. From the charming downtown shops and restaurants to extensive forest preserve access and recreational opportunities, Lemont attracts residents seeking quality of life without sacrificing proximity to urban amenities. The community's strong sense of identity and active civic engagement create a welcoming environment for newcomers looking to put down roots.

## Planning Your Move

Timing your move to Lemont strategically can make the entire process smoother and potentially more affordable. June through August represents peak moving season in Lemont, as families typically coordinate relocations with the school calendar to minimize disruption for children. If you're planning a summer move, booking 3-4 weeks in advance is essential to secure your preferred date, as demand for moving services runs high during these months. However, fall and spring offer excellent alternatives with better availability, more flexible scheduling, and often less competition for moving dates. These shoulder seasons still provide favorable weather conditions without the summer rush.

The logistics of moving in Lemont differ significantly from urban Chicago relocations. Most properties feature driveway and garage access, which simplifies furniture loading and provides convenient staging areas for moving trucks. Experienced [Lemont movers handle these logistics daily, understanding the specific challenges of the area's multi-level homes, basement moves, and staircase navigation. Timing your move to avoid rush hour on nearby expressways and Route 171 ensures your moving truck can travel efficiently. Unlike dense city neighborhoods, Lemont's suburban layout typically doesn't require special parking permits, though it's always wise to check with your homeowners association if you're moving into a planned community or townhome complex.](#)

# Living Here

Lemont's appeal to families and commuters stems from its excellent location and quality of life offerings. The village is served by reputable local school districts that many families carefully consider when choosing where to live, making it a popular destination for growing families. Commuters appreciate the reasonable access to Chicago via I-55 and nearby Metra stations in neighboring communities, allowing residents to work in the city while enjoying suburban space and tranquility. The housing stock primarily consists of single-family homes, townhomes, and condominiums, with options ranging from historic properties in the older sections to newer developments on the village's expanding edges.

Day-to-day life in Lemont centers around its walkable downtown district, extensive forest preserve access, and strong community connections. Residents enjoy local restaurants, shops, and seasonal events that bring the community together throughout the year. The proximity to Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve and other Cook County forest preserves provides abundant opportunities for hiking, biking, and outdoor recreation. Essential amenities, grocery stores, and services are readily accessible, while the community maintains a slower-paced, neighbor-friendly atmosphere that many find refreshing after years in more congested areas. The village's location also provides easy access to nearby Orland Park, Romeoville, and other southwest suburbs for additional shopping and entertainment options.

## Moving Tips for Lemont

1. **\*\*Survey basement access early\*\***: Many Lemont homes feature basements with challenging stairway turns or low clearances. Measure doorways and stairwells in advance to plan furniture movement and identify items that may need professional disassembly.
1. **\*\*Schedule utilities during business hours\*\***: Village offices and utility providers serving Lemont keep standard business hours. Arrange water, gas, and electric service transfers at least one week before your move date to ensure everything is active when you arrive.
1. **\*\*Check HOA requirements\*\***: If moving into a townhome community or planned development, contact your homeowners association about any moving restrictions, required insurance certificates, or elevator reservations that may apply.
1. **\*\*Plan for garage and driveway space\*\***: Take advantage of driveway access for staging boxes and furniture. Clear out garage space before moving day to use as a temporary staging area for items destined for specific rooms.
1. **\*\*Consider the I-55 corridor\*\***: Schedule your move to avoid rush hour traffic on I-55 and local routes. Mid-morning or early afternoon moves typically encounter less congestion than early morning or late afternoon time slots.

1. **\*\*Prepare for multi-level homes\*\***: Most Lemont properties are multi-level with furniture distributed across different floors. Label boxes clearly by floor and room to streamline the unloading process and save time on moving day.

## Getting Settled in Your New Lemont Home

Once you've completed your move, focus on the essentials first: locate the main water shutoff, test your HVAC system, and familiarize yourself with your home's layout and systems. Register with the Village of Lemont for water service and waste collection, and update your driver's license and vehicle registration within the required timeframe. Explore your neighborhood on foot to discover nearby conveniences and introduce yourself to neighbors—Lemont's friendly community culture makes it easy to connect. Visit downtown Lemont to find your favorite local coffee shop or restaurant, and take advantage of the area's extensive forest preserve trails to decompress after the moving process. Consider attending village events or joining local groups to accelerate your integration into the community and build your network of connections.

## FAQs About Moving to Lemont

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

**A: Moving costs in Lemont typically range from \$400-\$800 for local moves within the southwest suburbs, depending on home size and distance. A three-bedroom home averages \$600-\$1,200, while larger properties with extensive furniture or basement items may run higher. Factors affecting cost include staircase navigation, the amount of furniture, and distance traveled. Summer months command premium pricing due to high demand.**

**Q: Do I need parking permits for moving trucks in Lemont?**

**A: Most Lemont properties don't require special parking permits for moving trucks due to ample driveway and street parking in residential areas. However, if you're moving into a townhome community or condominium complex, check with your homeowners association about any notification requirements or parking restrictions. Some planned communities require advance notice or specific loading area access during designated hours.**

**Q: What's the best time of year to move to Lemont?**

**A: Fall (September-October) and spring (April-May) offer the best combination of favorable weather, better moving company availability, and lower demand. Summer remains popular with families tied to school schedules but requires booking 3-4 weeks ahead. Winter moves are possible but can be complicated by Illinois weather. Shoulder seasons provide flexibility and often better rates.**

**Q: What makes moving to Lemont different from moving within Chicago?**

**A: Lemont moves typically involve single-family homes with driveways, garages, and multiple levels including basements, unlike Chicago's apartment-focused relocations. You won't deal with loading zone permits, restrictive building access, or elevator reservations. However, basement moves and staircase navigation require specific expertise. The suburban setting means easier truck access but potentially longer distances between properties.**

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

**A: Families are drawn to Lemont's unique combination of historic character, natural beauty along the I&M Canal, and strong community identity that many newer suburbs lack. The village offers good schools, forest preserve access, and a distinctive downtown while maintaining reasonable housing costs compared to some North Shore suburbs. The location provides Chicago access without the premium prices of communities closer to the city.**

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

**A: A standard three-bedroom Lemont home takes 4-6 hours for local moves, including loading, transport, and unloading. Larger homes or moves involving significant basement furniture may extend to 6-8 hours. The multi-level nature of most Lemont homes adds time compared to single-story properties. Distance to your new location also impacts duration—moving within Lemont or nearby suburbs is faster than relocating from Chicago proper.**

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