

# Your Complete Guide to Moving to Lincolnwood, Illinois

## Welcome to Lincolnwood

Nestled in the North Suburbs just minutes from Chicago, Lincolnwood offers an appealing blend of suburban comfort and urban convenience. This compact village of approximately 13,000 residents has carved out a distinctive identity as a shopping and dining destination while maintaining its character as a quiet residential community. Tree-lined streets, well-maintained homes, and a strong sense of community make Lincolnwood particularly popular with families and professionals who want proximity to Chicago without the intensity of city living.

What sets Lincolnwood apart is its accessibility and amenities packed into just 2.7 square miles. The village is home to major retail centers and diverse dining options that draw visitors from across the region, yet residential neighborhoods remain peaceful and family-friendly. With excellent highway access via the Edens Expressway and McCormick Boulevard, plus its location near the CTA Yellow Line terminus, Lincolnwood delivers genuine suburban-urban balance. The village's commitment to parks, recreation, and community programs creates a welcoming environment for newcomers of all ages.

## Planning Your Move

Timing your Lincolnwood move strategically can make the entire process smoother and potentially more affordable. June through August represents peak moving season here, as families align relocations with school schedules to minimize disruption for children. If you're planning a summer move, booking 3-4 weeks in advance is essential to secure your preferred dates, as experienced [Lincolnwood movers book quickly during these high-demand months. The school-year timing means moving companies, rental trucks, and storage facilities all experience heightened demand from late May through early September.](#)

For more flexibility and potentially better rates, consider fall or spring moves when competition for moving dates decreases significantly. September through November and March through May offer excellent availability with milder weather than winter months. The logistics of moving in Lincolnwood generally work in your favor compared to urban Chicago—most properties feature driveways and direct garage access, eliminating the parking nightmares common in the city. However, you'll want to account for multi-level homes with basements and staircases, which are standard in this suburban community. Professional movers familiar with the area understand how to navigate residential streets, time moves to avoid rush hour traffic on major routes, and handle the typical suburban home configurations found throughout Lincolnwood.

# Living Here

Daily life in Lincolnwood centers around suburban convenience with city access close at hand. The village's location makes commuting straightforward for those working in Chicago—the Edens Expressway (I-94) runs along the village's eastern border, providing direct routes downtown and to O'Hare Airport. Many residents also utilize the CTA Yellow Line (Skokie Swift) from nearby Skokie, offering a stress-free alternative to expressway driving. This transportation accessibility explains why Lincolnwood attracts so many professionals who work in the city but prefer suburban home life. The commute typically ranges from 20-40 minutes depending on your Chicago destination and traffic conditions.

The village delivers on everyday amenities and family-focused resources. Lincolnwood Town Center and other retail districts provide convenient shopping, dining, and services without leaving town. The Lincolnwood Public Library serves as a community hub with programs for all ages, while the parks and recreation department offers sports leagues, summer camps, and activities throughout the year. Housing options span single-family homes, townhomes, and condominium buildings, giving newcomers choices at various price points. Local school districts serving Lincolnwood—including Lincolnwood Elementary School District 74 and Niles Township High School District 219—are important considerations for families, and many parents specifically time their moves around the school calendar. The village's compact size means most amenities are within a short drive, and the diverse restaurant scene reflects the community's multicultural character.

## Moving Tips for Lincolnwood

1. **\*\*Reserve your moving date early during summer months\*\*** – With families dominating the June-August moving season, waiting until the last minute can leave you with limited options or higher prices for premium dates.
1. **\*\*Verify parking access and driveway conditions\*\*** – While most Lincolnwood properties have driveways, inform your movers about any tight turns, narrow driveways, or low-hanging branches that might affect large truck access.
1. **\*\*Plan for basement moves\*\*** – Many Lincolnwood homes feature finished basements with full furniture setups. Discuss staircase dimensions and basement access points with your moving company during the estimate.
1. **\*\*Schedule utilities transfer strategically\*\*** – Contact ComEd, Nicor Gas, and local water services at least two weeks before your move date. Many residents also set up Comcast or AT&T for internet during this window.
1. **\*\*Consider timing around major roads\*\*** – Moving trucks navigating McCormick Boulevard, Touhy Avenue, or Lincoln Avenue during rush hour (7-9 AM and 4-6 PM) can face delays. Early morning or mid-day moves often proceed more smoothly.

1. **\*\*Check HOA or condo building requirements\*\*** – If moving into a condominium or townhome community, confirm any elevator reservations, moving hour restrictions, or certificate of insurance requirements your building may have.

## Getting Settled

Once you've moved in, start with the essentials: register vehicles at the Illinois Secretary of State facility in Skokie, update your voter registration with the Cook County Clerk, and familiarize yourself with the village's waste collection schedule. Visit Village Hall at 6900 North Lincoln Avenue to connect with local government resources and learn about community programs. The Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce website provides directories of local services, from healthcare providers to home maintenance professionals. Don't overlook the Lincolnwood Public Library—it's an excellent place to learn about community events, meet neighbors, and access resources that help you integrate into village life. Most newcomers find that Lincolnwood's manageable size and welcoming atmosphere make settling in surprisingly quick and comfortable.

## FAQs About Moving to Lincolnwood

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

**A: Local moves within Lincolnwood or to nearby suburbs typically range from \$400-\$1,200 depending on home size and distance. A two-bedroom apartment move averages \$500-\$700, while a three-to-four bedroom home runs \$800-\$1,500. Summer peak season (June-August) often commands premium rates, while fall and spring moves may offer better pricing. Most moving companies provide free estimates.**

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

**A: Generally, no special permits are required for residential moves in Lincolnwood since most properties have driveway access. However, if your moving truck needs to occupy street parking on a busy road or block a travel lane, contacting the Lincolnwood Police Department non-emergency line (847-673-2167) is advisable. Condominium buildings may have specific requirements—always check with your building management beforehand.**

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

**A: September through November and April through May offer the best balance of weather, availability, and competitive pricing. You'll avoid the intense summer competition from families moving between school years while still enjoying moderate**

temperatures. If you must move during June-August peak season, book at least 3-4 weeks in advance and expect higher rates and limited date selection.

**Q: What moving challenges are specific to Lincolnwood homes?**

**A: Most Lincolnwood properties are multi-level suburban homes with basements, requiring careful planning for moving heavy furniture up and down staircases. Driveways are typically accessible, but mature trees and landscaping sometimes create tight clearances for large trucks. Winter moves (December-February) can face weather delays. Corner lots near major intersections like Touhy and McCormick may require strategic truck positioning to avoid blocking traffic.**

**Q: Why do families choose to move to Lincolnwood?**

**A: Families are drawn to Lincolnwood's combination of suburban safety, quality schools, and exceptional Chicago accessibility. The village offers residential tranquility with shopping and dining amenities typically found in larger communities. Commuters appreciate the 20-30 minute drive to downtown Chicago and proximity to O'Hare Airport. The compact village size creates a strong community feel, while diverse housing options accommodate various budgets and family sizes.**

**Q: How does moving to Lincolnwood differ from moving within Chicago?**

**A: Lincolnwood moves are generally more straightforward than Chicago relocations—you'll deal with driveways instead of street parking battles, houses rather than walk-up apartments, and residential streets instead of congested urban corridors. However, you'll need to plan for more square footage, basement spaces, and potentially yard equipment or garage items. The suburban setting means longer driving distances for movers, which may factor into pricing for those coming from or going to Chicago neighborhoods.**

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