

Your Complete Guide to Moving to Schererville, Indiana

Welcome to Schererville

Schererville has become one of Northwest Indiana's most sought-after suburbs, drawing families and professionals who want the perfect balance between suburban comfort and city accessibility. Located in Lake County, just an hour from Chicago, this growing community offers the space, affordability, and quality of life that many urban residents dream about—without sacrificing convenience. With excellent shopping centers anchored by major retailers, well-maintained parks, and a genuine sense of community, Schererville represents the ideal landing spot for those seeking a change of pace from city life while maintaining reasonable proximity to Chicago's employment opportunities and attractions.

What truly sets Schererville apart is its reputation as a family-focused suburb that delivers on practical priorities. Unlike many bedroom communities that lack local amenities, Schererville has developed into a self-sufficient town where residents can work, shop, dine, and entertain themselves without constant trips to the city. The town has experienced steady, managed growth that has brought new businesses and housing developments while maintaining the neighborhood feel that originally attracted residents. For Chicago families watching their housing costs climb year after year, Schererville offers a compelling alternative—more square footage, newer construction options, lower property taxes, and a community designed with families in mind.

Planning Your Move

Timing your move to Schererville requires strategic thinking, especially if you have school-age children. Summer months from June through August are peak moving season here, as families prioritize relocating before the new school year begins. If you're planning a summer move, booking your moving date 3-4 weeks in advance is essential to secure your preferred timing. However, spring and fall offer distinct advantages: better availability, more flexible scheduling, and less competition for moving dates. Since cross-state moves between Illinois and Indiana require extra coordination and planning time, experienced [Schererville movers handle these logistics daily and can help you navigate the timing that works best for your family's situation.](#)

The cross-state nature of most Schererville moves adds important considerations to your planning process. The primary route from Chicago involves I-94 to I-80/94 East, which includes toll roads—specifically the Chicago Skyway (approximately \$6) and the Indiana Toll Road (between \$4-8 depending on your exit). Our crews plan routes and timing carefully to avoid Chicago's notorious rush hour congestion, which can add significant time to your move. US-30 (Lincoln Highway) serves as an alternative route and provides direct access to many Schererville neighborhoods. Understanding these route options and their timing implications helps ensure your moving day runs smoothly, with crews arriving as scheduled and completing

your move efficiently.

Living in Schererville

Daily life in Schererville centers around convenience and family-friendly amenities. Shopping is particularly impressive for a town of this size, with multiple commercial districts offering everything from big-box retailers to local boutiques and restaurants. Most residents find they can handle their regular shopping, dining, and entertainment needs locally, making trips to Chicago optional rather than necessary. The town's parks and recreational facilities provide year-round activities for families, and the slower pace compared to Chicago is immediately noticeable—traffic is manageable, parking is abundant, and the overall stress level drops considerably.

The school systems serving Schererville are frequently cited as the primary reason families choose to relocate here from Chicago. Lake County school districts offer smaller class sizes, modern facilities, and strong academic programs that often exceed what families experienced in urban schools. Many families we've helped relocate tell us that their children's educational opportunities were the deciding factor in their move. Beyond schools, the community offers the safety and neighborhood cohesion that parents value—kids can play outside, neighbors know each other, and the suburban environment feels genuinely family-oriented. For professionals commuting to Chicago, the hour-long drive is generally considered a worthwhile trade-off for the quality of life Schererville provides.

Moving Tips for Schererville

1. ****Factor toll costs into your budget****: Between the Chicago Skyway and Indiana Toll Road, expect \$10-15 in tolls per trip. Moving trucks make multiple trips between locations, so these costs add up quickly.
1. ****Avoid moving during Chicago rush hours****: Plan your move start time to ensure trucks aren't traveling through Chicago during morning (7-9 AM) or evening (4-7 PM) rush hours. This can save hours on your moving day.
1. ****Schedule utilities early****: Since you're moving across state lines, you'll need to establish new accounts with Indiana utility providers. Set up electricity, gas, water, and internet 2-3 weeks before your move date.
1. ****Update your vehicle registration within 60 days****: Indiana law requires new residents to register vehicles and obtain an Indiana driver's license within 60 days of establishing residency. Plan time to visit the Indiana BMV.
1. ****Coordinate building access if applicable****: While Schererville is primarily single-family homes, if you're moving into a townhouse or apartment community, confirm elevator

reservations, loading dock access, and any move-in requirements with property management.

1. ****Research homeowners associations****: Many newer Schererville neighborhoods have HOAs with specific moving restrictions, including allowed hours and truck parking locations. Check these requirements before moving day.

Getting Settled in Your New Community

Once you've unpacked, prioritizing a few key tasks will help you transition smoothly into Schererville life. Register your children for school through your assigned Lake County district office—many districts offer online registration to streamline the process. Locate your nearest grocery stores, pharmacies, and medical facilities so you're prepared for daily needs. Consider joining community groups or neighborhood associations, which are active in Schererville and provide excellent ways to meet neighbors and learn about local resources. The Town of Schererville's website offers information on trash collection schedules, local parks, and community events. Many newcomers also appreciate exploring the local restaurant scene and shopping districts to develop their new routines and favorite spots.

FAQs About Moving to Schererville

Q: How much does it cost to move from Chicago to Schererville?

A: Most Chicago to Schererville moves range from \$800-2,500 depending on home size and belongings volume. A typical 2-3 bedroom home averages \$1,200-1,800. This cross-state move covers approximately 30-40 miles and includes toll road fees, which reputable moving companies factor into estimates upfront rather than adding surprise charges later.

Q: When is the best time to move to Schererville?

A: Spring (April-May) and fall (September-October) offer the best combination of availability and favorable weather. Summer months are most popular with families coordinating school schedules but require booking 3-4 weeks ahead. Winter moves are possible but weather can complicate cross-state travel between Illinois and Indiana.

Q: Do I need moving permits or parking permits in Schererville?

A: Most Schererville residential areas don't require special moving permits since the majority of housing consists of single-family homes with driveways. However, if you're moving into a townhouse, condo, or apartment community, check with property management about any building-specific requirements, elevator reservations, or

restricted moving hours.

Q: What are the main challenges when moving to Schererville from Chicago?

A: The cross-state aspect requires coordinating Illinois departure and Indiana arrival logistics on the same day, while navigating toll routes and potential Chicago traffic delays. Families must also manage the transition between Illinois and Indiana for driver's licenses, vehicle registration, and establishing new utility accounts with Indiana providers.

Q: Why are so many Chicago families moving to Schererville?

A: Schererville offers significantly lower housing costs with more space, excellent schools with smaller class sizes, lower property taxes, and family-friendly neighborhoods—all within an hour of Chicago. Families can typically afford larger, newer homes while improving their children's educational environment and overall quality of life without completely disconnecting from Chicago.

Q: How long does a move from Chicago to Schererville take?

A: Most residential moves complete in 4-8 hours depending on home size and belongings volume. The distance is manageable at 30-40 miles, but timing depends heavily on avoiding Chicago rush hour traffic. Professional movers typically start early morning to maximize efficiency and complete moves in a single day.

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