

Your Complete Guide to Moving to Westmont, IL

Welcome to Westmont

Nestled in DuPage County, Westmont offers an appealing blend of suburban comfort and urban accessibility that attracts families, young professionals, and commuters alike. This diverse community of approximately 25,000 residents combines tree-lined residential streets with vibrant commercial districts, creating a neighborhood feel while maintaining convenient access to Chicago's Loop just 18 miles east. The downtown area along Cass Avenue buzzes with local restaurants, shops, and community events that give Westmont its distinctive character and tight-knit atmosphere.

What makes Westmont stand out among West Suburbs is its balance of affordability and amenities. Unlike some neighboring communities, Westmont offers varied housing options at different price points, from charming single-family homes to modern townhomes and condominium complexes. The village's commitment to parks and recreation, combined with its excellent transportation connections via I-294, I-55, and Metra's BNSF Railway line, creates an ideal setting for those seeking suburban living without sacrificing convenience. Whether you're drawn by the highly-regarded schools, the thriving dining scene, or the genuine community spirit, Westmont delivers a welcoming environment for residents at every life stage.

Planning Your Move

Timing your move to Westmont strategically can make the entire process smoother and more cost-effective. June through August represents peak moving season here, as families align 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 increases significantly during these months. However, fall and spring offer excellent alternatives with greater availability, more flexible scheduling, and often better rates—particularly mid-September through October and April through May when weather remains cooperative but competition for moving dates decreases substantially.

The logistics of moving in Westmont differ considerably from urban Chicago relocations. Most properties feature driveways and garage access, which streamlines the loading process compared to navigating tight city streets and building restrictions. Experienced [Westmont movers handle these logistics daily, understanding how to plan routes that avoid rush hour congestion on the Tri-State Tollway and local arterial roads. Keep in mind that many Westmont homes include basements and multiple levels, requiring proper planning for staircase navigation and furniture protection. Unlike Chicago apartments, you typically won't need building elevator reservations or COI certificates, but coordinating access and parking remains important, especially in townhome communities with HOA regulations.](#)

Living Here

Daily life in Westmont centers around convenience and community engagement. Residents enjoy easy access to shopping at Ty Warner Park, dining along Ogden Avenue and Cass Avenue, and recreation at numerous village parks including Ty Warner Park with its splash pad and extensive athletic facilities. The commute to Chicago takes 30-40 minutes via Metra's BNSF line from the Westmont station, while drivers can reach the Loop in similar time using I-294 to I-290 or I-55. This accessibility makes Westmont particularly popular with professionals who work downtown but prefer suburban living, as well as families who appreciate the balance of open space and urban amenities.

Westmont's school districts serve as a major draw for families considering relocation. The community is served by Westmont School District 201 and Community High School District 99 (Downers Grove schools), both of which families carefully consider when planning moves. Many residents time their relocations around the school calendar, and the abundance of parks, youth sports leagues, and family-oriented events creates a supportive environment for raising children. The housing stock primarily consists of well-maintained single-family homes built between the 1950s-1990s, along with newer townhome developments and condominium complexes that appeal to downsizers and first-time buyers. Most properties feature basements for storage—an important consideration when planning your move—and the suburban layout means easier furniture delivery than multi-story city buildings without the parking headaches.

Moving Tips for Westmont

1. ****Schedule around rush hour****: Plan loading and unloading outside peak commute times (7-9 AM and 4-6:30 PM) to avoid delays on I-294 and local roads. Early morning weekend moves typically proceed most smoothly.
1. ****Check HOA requirements****: If moving to a townhome or condo community, contact your HOA at least two weeks ahead regarding move-in procedures, elevator reservations (if applicable), and any required insurance documentation.
1. ****Measure basement access points****: Many Westmont homes have finished basements reached by narrow stairways. Measure doorways, stairwell widths, and ceiling heights in advance to ensure large furniture pieces will fit.
1. ****Notify utilities early****: Set up ComEd (electricity), Nicor Gas, and DuPage Water services 1-2 weeks before your move date. Internet and cable installation may require separate appointments, so schedule these promptly.
1. ****Plan for parking****: While driveways accommodate most moves, discuss parking arrangements with movers if you're on a busy street or in a townhome complex where the truck may need to park in guest spaces or along the curb.

1. ****Prepare for weather****: Westmont experiences full Midwest seasons. For winter moves (November-March), ensure walkways are cleared of snow and ice. Summer moves benefit from hydration breaks and climate-controlled truck storage for heat-sensitive items.

Getting Settled

Once you've unpacked, connecting with Westmont's community resources helps you feel at home quickly. Register with the Westmont Public Library for programs and events, explore the Westmont Park District's recreational offerings, and introduce yourself to neighbors—the community culture here encourages friendly interaction. Update your driver's license and vehicle registration at the Wheaton DMV facility within 90 days of moving. Download the Westmont Village app for community news, sign up for waste collection services through your village account, and locate essential services like your nearest Jewel-Osco, Mariano's, or the medical facilities at AdventHealth Hinsdale. Consider joining local Facebook groups or attending village events to build connections and discover hidden gems in your new hometown.

FAQs About Moving to Westmont

Q: How much do movers cost in Westmont?

A: Local moves within or to Westmont typically cost \$400-\$1,200 depending on home size and distance. A two-bedroom apartment move averages \$500-\$700, while a three-bedroom house ranges \$800-\$1,200. Summer months (June-August) see higher demand and potentially increased rates, while off-peak seasons offer better value. Most Westmont moving companies charge hourly rates for local moves, with a typical two-person crew running \$120-\$160 per hour.

Q: Do I need parking permits for moving in Westmont?

A: Unlike Chicago, Westmont doesn't require special moving permits for most residential relocations. The majority of homes have driveways and garage access that accommodate moving trucks. However, if you're moving to a townhome or condo community with HOA rules, check with your association about guest parking procedures and any required move-in notifications. On-street parking is generally available without permits for moving trucks on residential streets.

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

A: Late August through September and May through early June offer the best combination of good weather and availability. While June-August is most popular for families coordinating with school schedules, you'll face higher demand and need to book 3-4 weeks ahead. Fall and spring provide more flexible scheduling, better rates, and

moderate temperatures ideal for moving. Avoid harsh winter months (January-February) when snow and ice can complicate moves.

Q: What moving challenges are specific to Westmont homes?

A: Basement moves present the most common challenge, as many Westmont homes feature finished basements accessed by narrow stairways with turns. Multi-level homes require careful planning for furniture navigation, and some older properties have tighter doorways than modern construction. Additionally, timing moves around Tri-State Tollway and I-55 traffic patterns helps avoid delays. Unlike city apartments, you won't deal with building freight elevators, but HOA communities may have specific move-in time restrictions.

Q: Why do people choose to move to Westmont?

A: Westmont attracts residents seeking affordable suburban living with excellent Chicago access via Metra and highways. The combination of diverse housing options, good schools, lower cost of living than nearby communities like Hinsdale or Oak Brook, and genuine neighborhood atmosphere appeals to families and commuters. The vibrant downtown area, numerous parks, and strong sense of community create small-town feel while maintaining urban conveniences—all within a 30-minute commute to downtown Chicago.

Q: How long does a typical move take in Westmont?

A: Most Westmont residential moves complete in 4-8 hours depending on home size and distance. A two-bedroom apartment or townhome typically takes 4-5 hours, while a three-bedroom single-family home averages 6-8 hours including travel time. Moves with basements, multiple levels, or extensive packing needs require additional time. Local moves within Westmont or from nearby suburbs proceed faster than relocations from Chicago due to shorter driving distances and easier property access with driveways and direct loading access.

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