

Now that you own your home, it's time to complete the following tasks.

<p>If you purchased the home as your primary residence, change the address on your driver's license and other identification.</p>	<p>For current Georgia residents: https://dds.georgia.gov/georgia-licenseid/existing-licenseid/how-do-i-update-license</p> <p>For new Georgia residents: https://dds.georgia.gov/georgia-licenseid/new-licenseid</p> <p>*Pay special attention to the Georgia DMV proof of ID requirements.</p>
<p>If you purchased the home as your primary residence, you will need to update your vehicle registration if you have changed your county of residence.</p>	<p>Visit the County Tax Commissioner's website to take the proper information and documents to update your vehicle registration. You can also locate the addresses of your local tag offices.</p>
<p>If you purchased the home as your primary residence, file for homestead exemption.</p>	<p>There may be exemptions available that would lower your property tax payment if the home is used as your primary residence. Visit your County and/or City Tax Commissioner's office or website for more information.</p>
<p>Change the locks on the home.</p>	<p>If you purchased a home warranty at closing, check to see if there are any discounts available.</p>
<p>Change any security codes for alarms, doors or garages.</p>	<p>Reset all codes as soon as possible. Keep in mind that the sellers may have forgotten to obtain all keys from those who had access to the home such as a cleaning service.</p>
<p>Test all fire/smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.</p>	<p>Check the manufacturer's warranty for the life span of any fire/smoke and/or carbon monoxide detectors. Many have a limited lifespan of only 5-10 years. You should also consider investing in a fire extinguisher for your home.</p>
<p>Locate all gas and water shut off valves.</p>	<p>Don't forget about the fireplace emergency shut off valve.</p>
<p>Store your home buying documents together in a safe location until your move is complete.</p>	<p>Make sure you store your loan closing documents in a safe place until you have a place set up for storing important financial documents. Your document packages contains valuable information.</p>
<p>Change your mailing address for all mail.</p>	<p>You should complete a change of address form both with the USPS and with each company that you do business with. https://moversguide.usps.com.</p>
<p>As you are unpacking and setting up your home, keep a running list of to do and to buy items.</p>	<p>Have two separate lists of tasks to complete and items you need to purchase for setting up and decorating your home.</p>