

# Buyer

# POST-CLOSING REMINDERS



*For a Successful Move*



## UTILITIES

The goal is to turn off utilities, including gas, electric and water at your current residence shortly after closing the sale and/or departing the premises. Then, you need to turn them on at your new dwelling — ideally prior to move in.



## DRIVERS LICENSE

Don't forget to update your Drivers License with your new address! Scan the QR code below to quickly order your updated Texas ID.



## HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

You should file the application with your local CAD no later than April 30th. The process is **FREE**. Just print the form for the Homestead Exemption on your county Central Appraisal District (CAD) site or file online. If you have any questions about your homestead exemption for property tax purposes, or any other exemption which may be available to you, please contact your County Appraisal District.



## UPDATE MAILING ADDRESS

One of the first things you should do is change your address with the post office so all of your mail will go to your new home instead of your old address. This can easily be done online or in person at your local post office.



## PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are prorated at closing, with the seller covering their portion and typically crediting the buyer. The buyer then pays the full bill when due—often through their escrow account. Since tax bills may not be sent automatically, buyers should proactively contact the tax office to obtain their bill.