

# MOVING TO FLORIDA

## CHECKLIST

**Recommendations for establishing bona fide residence in Florida, include but are not limited to the following:**

- File a Declaration of Domicile in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in which you intend to reside
- Obtain automobile registration of at least one automobile. Display the Florida plates on your car.
- Obtain Florida Driver's license(s)
- Complete Voter registration - in FL only - After you become a legal resident of Florida, contact the County Supervisor of Elections in reference to residency requirements.
- Request the Voter Registration Office in the town or state of your former residence to strike your name from the voting records.
- File future Federal Income Tax Returns in Florida (IRS Service Center in Atlanta, GA).
- File a Declaration of Homestead in Florida - file for the homestead property tax exemption for your residence. You may file for the homestead property tax exemption during the months of January and February at the County (Circuit) Courthouse. You will need to bring a copy of your deed, a Florida driver's license, a Florida automobile registration, your voter's registration and/or a filed Declaration of Domicile and your social security number. (If you do not drive, you must have a Highway Patrol identification card issued at the driver's license office.) If the property is listed jointly, both parties must furnish the above proof.
- In future legal documents, refer to yourselves as being of Florida.
- Sign new set of state specific forms for power of attorney, healthcare proxy and living will, and last will and testament.
- Physically reside in the state of Florida for at least part of the year. (There is no magic to "six months and one day," but the more bona fide time residing there the better. Vacations, extended seasonal stays and traveling to the old home for holiday, birthday, funeral, etc. are all a normal part of living, wherever you are.
- Give notice to insurance companies as to which residence is primary
- Change membership of social clubs and churches, or other affiliations where state residence is a requirement only
- Change your mailing address for all financial statements