

Your New to Bowie Welcome Kit

A simple checklist for your first weeks in Bowie, Maryland. Check things off as you go.

First week

- Confirm electric and gas service. Depending on your address this is BGE, Pepco or SMECO. Ask the seller or your agent which one serves the home.
- Set up water and sewer. Many Bowie addresses are served by the City of Bowie, others by WSSC Water. Your settlement paperwork usually shows which.
- Check your trash and recycling days. Inside city limits this is handled by the City of Bowie Department of Public Works (cityofbowie.org).
- Change the locks and garage codes, and test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Forward your mail at usps.com and update your address with your bank, employer and insurance.

First 60 days

- Get a Maryland driver's license and register your vehicles with the MVA (mva.maryland.gov). Maryland expects new residents to do this within 60 days; confirm current rules on the MVA site.
- Register to vote or update your address at elections.maryland.gov.
- File your homestead tax credit application with the Maryland SDAT (dat.maryland.gov) if this is your primary residence.
- Enroll children in school. Use the Prince George's County Public Schools boundary locator at pgcps.org to confirm your assigned schools.

Getting to know Bowie

- Get a library card at a Prince George's County Memorial Library System branch (pgcmls.info).
- Find parks, pools, the ice arena and recreation programs at cityofbowie.org and pgparks.com.
- Sundays from spring through fall: the Bowie Farmers Market at the Bowie High School lot, 15200 Annapolis Road.
- Follow upcoming community events at bowiehomes.us, updated every two weeks.
- Visit Belair Mansion and the Belair Stable Museum to learn the city's history.

Keep handy

- City of Bowie: cityofbowie.org
- Prince George's County 311 for county services: pgc311.com
- Maryland MVA: mva.maryland.gov
- Bruno Tarquini, REALTOR®, Fairfax Realty Premier: (240) 418-3809, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Questions about your home, property taxes, contractors or the market are always welcome.