



# RELOCATION CHECKLIST

*Your Complete Guide to Moving to Telluride, Colorado*

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## Welcome Home to Telluride

Moving to Telluride is not just a change of address — it is a change of life. The town sits at 8,750 feet in one of the most dramatic landscapes in North America, surrounded by 14,000-foot peaks and protected by a National Historic Landmark designation that ensures its Victorian character endures. Whether you are arriving full-time or establishing your mountain base, this checklist will help you navigate the transition with confidence.

### Anne-Britt's Insight

*I have helped hundreds of clients make this transition over the years. The move is real — altitude adjustment, learning the rhythms of a mountain town, finding your people. I am here to help with all of it, not just the transaction.*



Telluride's historic Main Street — your new hometown

## 60 Days Before Your Move

- Notify your employer, financial institutions, and insurance providers of your address change
- Research and enroll children in Telluride schools (Telluride School District R-1)
- Arrange for transfer of medical records to local providers
- Schedule a consultation with a Colorado-licensed accountant regarding state tax implications
- Research Colorado vehicle registration requirements (30 days after establishing residency)
- Obtain Colorado driver's license within 30 days of establishing domicile
- Arrange for moving company — book early, especially for summer/fall moves
- Research storage options if downsizing (limited local storage; plan accordingly)
- Notify USPS of address change and set up mail forwarding
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Review your homeowner's insurance needs — mountain properties have unique requirements

## 30 Days Before Your Move

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- Set up utilities: Telluride Electric (970-728-3071), Town of Telluride Water/Sewer
- Arrange internet service: ask us for current local provider recommendations
- Contact your HOA for move-in procedures, elevator reservations, and parking arrangements
- Arrange for propane service if applicable (many mountain homes use propane)
- Confirm trash and recycling service (Telluride has a strong recycling culture)
- Register vehicles in Colorado within 90 days of establishing residency
- Research local grocery delivery or plan for Montrose/Grand Junction supply runs
- Identify a local handyman, plumber, and electrician before you need them
- Join the Telluride community Facebook groups and NextDoor for local knowledge
- Arrange for a local property manager if you will not be full-time

## After You Arrive

- Register to vote in San Miguel County
- Get a library card at the Wilkinson Public Library — a true community hub
- Introduce yourself to your HOA board and neighbors
- Purchase a ski pass early — Epic and Ikon passes sell out or increase in price
- Stock your pantry for winter storms — roads can close for 24–48 hours
- Invest in quality cold-weather gear — Telluride winters are serious
- Familiarize yourself with the free gondola schedule (runs year-round, weather permitting)
- Explore the free summer concert series and festival calendar
- Find your altitude rhythm — give yourself 2–4 weeks to fully acclimate at 8,750 ft
- Connect with local nonprofits — Telluride has a remarkable culture of giving

## High-Altitude Living Tips

### Altitude Acclimatization

At 8,750 feet, Telluride sits significantly above sea level. New residents commonly experience headaches, fatigue, and shortness of breath for the first 1–2 weeks. Hydrate aggressively (double your normal water intake), avoid alcohol for the first few days, and take it easy with physical exertion. Most people feel fully acclimated within 2–4 weeks.

### Winter Preparedness

Telluride averages over 300 inches of snowfall annually. A 4WD or AWD vehicle with quality snow tires is essential. Keep your gas tank full, carry an emergency kit in your vehicle, and sign up for San Miguel County emergency alerts at [smcalert.org](http://smcalert.org).

## Local Services Directory

Service	Provider / Notes
Electric	Telluride Electric — (970) 728-3071
Water/Sewer	Town of Telluride — (970) 728-2173
Propane	Multiple local providers — ask us for referrals
Internet	Local options vary by neighborhood — ask us
Schools	Telluride School District R-1 — <a href="http://tellurideschools.org">tellurideschools.org</a>
Hospital	Telluride Medical Center — (970) 728-3848
County Alerts	<a href="http://smcalert.org">smcalert.org</a> — sign up immediately

Property Manager

We maintain a vetted referral list — ask us

## Ready to Make Telluride Home?

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As a Realtor® and founder of Mountain Rose Realty, Anne-Britt represents Southwest Colorado's finest properties. With more than 23 years of full-time experience in the Telluride market and a commitment to donating 1% of net income to local nonprofits, she is your trusted Lifestyle By Design advisor. Boutique, independent, and unapologetically personal — Mountain Rose Realty is built on the belief that every client deserves a fully white-glove experience. Unique, like you!

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