

Rogue Valley Relocation Checklist

Your Step-by-Step Guide to Moving to Southern Oregon

Welcome! I'm Faith Ressigiac, and I'm thrilled you're considering the Rogue Valley as your next home. This checklist will guide you through every step of the relocation process—from your first research to settling into your new community. Let's make your move smooth and exciting.

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Before You Visit

Start your journey with research. These steps will help you arrive prepared and focused.

- Research neighborhoods that match your lifestyle (Jacksonville's charm, Medford's amenities, Ashland's culture, or wine country living)
- Set a realistic budget and get pre-approved for a mortgage before your visit
- Understand Southern Oregon's climate: mild summers, wet winters, occasional snow in higher elevations
- Check internet availability in your target areas (crucial if you work remotely!)
- Review schools, job markets, and cost of living vs. your current area
- Plan the timing of your visit (spring and summer are beautiful, but winter shows what you'll experience)

During Your Visit

Make the most of your time here. These activities will give you a real feel for daily life in the Rogue Valley.

- Drive each neighborhood at different times—morning commute, afternoon, and evening. Notice traffic, noise, and feel.
- Visit the farmers markets (they're a hub of community life!). Talk to local vendors and meet neighbors.
- Check realistic commute routes and times to your potential workplace
- Tour schools if you have children, and talk to teachers about the community
- Eat at several local restaurants. Notice the dining scene and meet locals at favorite spots.
- Explore parks, trails, and outdoor spaces you'd use regularly
- Visit a local coffee shop and work from there for a couple hours—you'll see where everyone gathers
- Stop by the downtown areas (Jacksonville, Medford, Ashland) and imagine yourself there regularly

Ready to Move

Once you've decided this is home, here's what to handle before you pack.

- Find a local real estate agent—preferably someone who knows the area well (Hi! I'd love to help)
- Get pre-approved for a mortgage and understand your buying power
- Understand Oregon-specific benefits: NO SALES TAX on purchases (huge savings!)
- Learn about Oregon property taxes and tax deferral programs for seniors and disabled residents
- Set up utilities (electrical, water, gas, internet) and start applications
- Transfer medical and dental records to local providers
- Research auto insurance rates (often lower in Oregon!)
- Check homeowners insurance quotes for your target properties
- Make a list of movers and get quotes for your specific moving date

Your First Month

Congratulations on your move! Here's how to settle in and build your new community roots.

- Join local groups (hiking clubs, book clubs, volunteer organizations, church communities)
- Attend events like the Britt festival concerts, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, or Medford's art walks
- Become a regular at a local coffee shop, restaurant, or park—consistency builds friendships
- Explore the Applegate wine trail and make connections with vintners and fellow wine lovers
- Visit the farmers market weekly and become a familiar face
- Attend a city council meeting or community forum to understand local issues
- Walk around your neighborhood, introduce yourself to neighbors, join a neighborhood group chat
- Take a scenic drive to understand where you are geographically (we're surrounded by beauty!)
- Plan a trip to nearby attractions: Crater Lake, Oregon Coast, Mount Shasta, or the Applegate River

I'm Here to Help

Whether you're exploring the Rogue Valley for the first time or ready to make a move, I'm here to guide you through every step. I know this area intimately, and I'd love to help you find your perfect home and settle into our wonderful community.

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Welcome to the Rogue Valley. I can't wait to help you make this move!