

Bardstown, Kentucky

Relocation Guide

Welcome to the Bourbon Capital of the World

This guide was crafted by your local builder & Realtor® to make moving to Bardstown simple.

Inside you'll find neighborhood snapshots, schools and utilities, permits for new construction, things to do, and a printable new-resident checklist.

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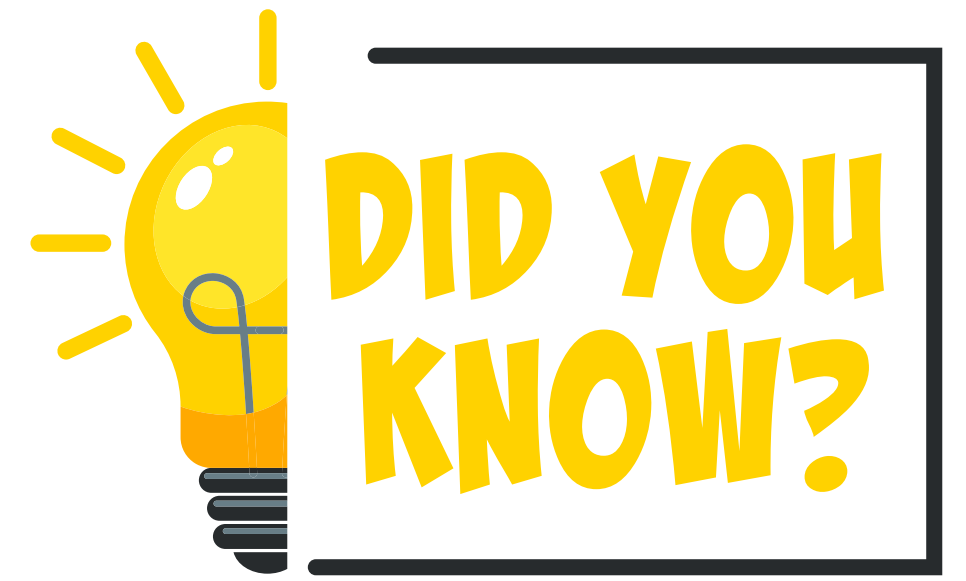
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Fast Facts

and Neighborhood Snapshots

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- Population Vibe: small-city charm, historic downtown, active festivals and events.
- Location: quick access to Louisville, Elizabethtown, and Lexington via Bluegrass Pkwy & I-65.
- Lifestyle: bourbon experiences, dining on Court Square, parks & greenways.
- Housing: Mix of historic homes, established neighborhoods and new construction.

Neighborhood Snapshots



- Historic Downtown: walkable blocks around the courthouse, boutiques and dining.
- Golf Courses: Maywood / Bardstown Country Club and My Old Kentucky Home.
- Woodlawn Springs: HOA neighborhood and community feel..
- New-Construction Corridors:: Growth along KY-245 and outer Woodlawn Areas.



Schools

Public & Private Options

Public School Districts

Two public systems serve addresses in and around Bardstown. Attendance zones determine assignment:

- Bardstown City Schools (addresses inside city limits)
 - Nelson County Schools (county addresses outside city limits)
- Always confirm the assigned school for a specific property address.

Private/Parochial

- Bethlehem High School
- St. Joseph School – (Grades K-8th)



Tips

- Ask for current enrollment windows and required documents before you move.
- Check bus routes and after-school programs that fit your schedule
- If building new, verify the address and lot's school assignment in writing.

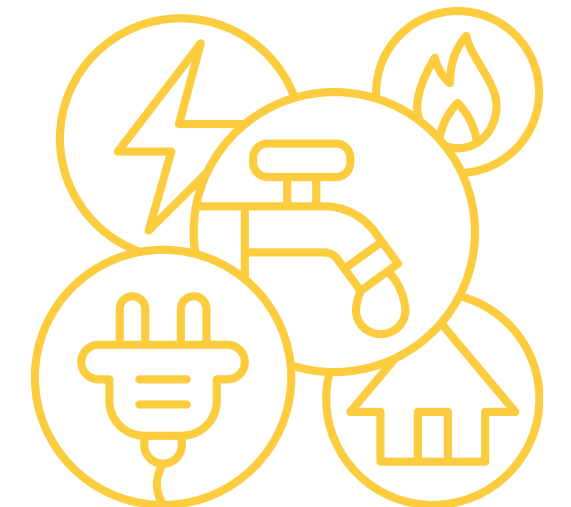


Utilities & Services

New-Resident Cheat-Sheet

City Services

- City Utilities (electric, water, sewer, garbage): set up start/stop service - online or at city offices. (502)-348-5947
- Internet/Cable: Bardstown Connect (municipal) and regional providers (availability varies by street—check your exact address).
- Garbage & Recycling: verify pickup day for your street; ask about bulk pick-up guidelines.
- Public Library: Nelson County Public Library—programs, makerspaces, - community events.
- Salt River Electric (502)-348-3931



Moving Help

- Recommend movers and cleaners (ask us for trusted local pros).
- Schedule utilities and internet installs 1-2 weeks before move-in.
- If building new, confirm water/sewer taps and meter set before closing.



Permits & Building

For New Construction and Remodeling

Planning & Zoning

Most projects require a zoning review/permit. Expect site plans and setbacks to be checked before building permits are issued

Permits & Inspections



- Submit building permits via the city/county online portal (inspections are tracked there too).
- Driveways/sidewalks and stormwater work may need separate approvals and bonds
- If you're outside city limits, verify which department has jurisdiction.

Builder Tips

- Order utilities early; schedule temporary power for construction as needed.
- Confirm HOA requirements (fences, landscaping, exterior materials) before - submitting plans.
- Keep inspection sign-offs with your closing packet.



Getting Around

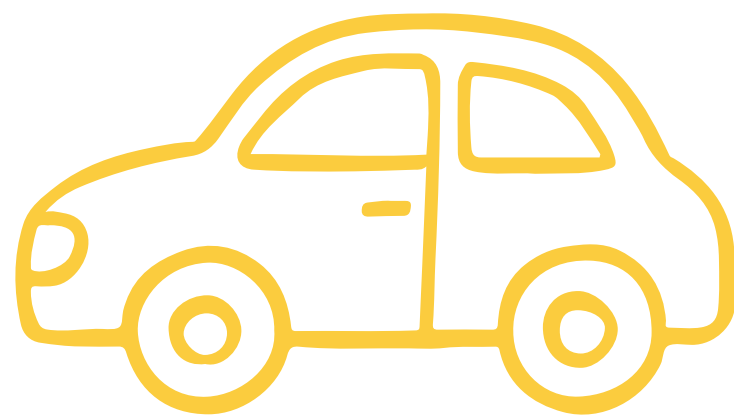
Commutes & Essentials

Regional Access

- Louisville: roughly 45-60 minutes (traffic-dependent)
- Elizabethtown: about 25-35 minutes
- Lexington: 75-90 minutes via the Bluegrass Parkway

Drivers Licensing & Vehicle Registration

Kentucky uses regional licensing offices. After moving, be sure to schedule early to update license and vehicle registration to avoid long wait times



Healthcare

- Flaget Memorial Hospital provides emergency and inpatient services in Bardstown.
- Hardin County has many different hospitals: about 30 minutes from downtown Bardstown
- Norton Children's Hospital (Louisville): roughly 45 to 60 minutes from downtown Bardstown
- Many clinics, urgent-care, dental and specialty providers in town and surrounding counties.



Things to do

First Weekends in Bardstown

Ideas

- Tour local distilleries (book ahead) and stroll historic Court Square.
- My Old Kentucky Home State Park and Mansion tour; play the on-site golf – course.
- My Old Kentucky Dinner Train for a unique dining experience.
- Festivals and live music throughout the year; check the city calendar.
- Parks & Rec leagues, splash pad, and library programs for all ages.
- Brand new Bardstown Aquatic & Sports Center coming in December of 2026.



New Resident Checklist

Helpful Tips from Best Choice Builders KY

Before You Move

- Confirm school assignment and gather enrollment documents
- Schedule start dates for utilities, trash service and internet
- If building, verify meter set and final inspection timing with your builder



First 2 Weeks

- Update driver license and register vehicles.
- Find your trash pickup day and recycling options.
- Create a binder for warranties, permits, survey, and closing docs.

First Month

- Try two local tours and one downtown event to meet people.
- Join a gym, club, or library program to plug into the community.
- Set reminders for property tax due dates and any exemptions.



Your Local Team

Preferred Vendors & Notes

Preferred Vendors (Add Your List)

Lender:

Inspector:

Title:

Movers:

Cleaner:

HVAC/Plumbing/Electric:

Company

Phone

Contact

Motto Mortgage

(502) 871-4126

Kevin Greenwell

Kentucky Home Inspectors

(502) 460-1738

Ted Shields

B Goff Inspections

(502) 507-2197

Brad Goff

Riggs Electric

(502) 331-9652

Kyle Riggs

Cundiff Heating

(502) 827-0809

Jason Cundiff

Reids Plumbing

(502) 407-2100

Robbie Reid

Buzicks Lumber

(502) 348-5953

Troy Runner



Local Services & Shops



<u>Category</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Address</u>
Dry Cleaner	Kenny's Cleaners	(502)348-9223	102 S 4 th St
Coffee	Deez Beanz Coffee	(859) 806-9810	999 Bloomfield Rd
Barber	Bardstown Barber Shop	(502) 348-1101	133 W John Rowan Blvd
Barber	O, Barber Where Art Thou	(270) 317-9765	Downtown Bardstown
Salon	True Bliss Salon	(502) 350-4110	512 E Stephen Foster Ave
Auto Repair	3rd Street Auto Repair	(502) 348-3247	712 N 3rd St
Auto Repair	Michel Tires Plus	(502) 203-1603	96 W John Rowan Blvd
Doctor	Flaget Memorial Hospital	(502) 350-5000	4305 New Shepherdsville Rd
Dentist	Bardstown Family Dentistry	(502) 348-4784	128 W John Rowan Blvd
Butcher	Boone's Butcher Shop	(502) 348-3668	100 Old Bloomfield Pike

Local Lenders, Banks & Mortgage Brokers



<u>Institution / Lender</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Address / Location</u>	<u>Notes / Services</u>
Town & Country Bank & Trust Co.	(502) 348-3911	201 N 3rd St, Bardstown	Local Community Bank
Wilson & Muir Bank & Trust	(502) 348-5996	107 N 3rd St, Bardstown	Regional Bank
Lincoln National Bank	(502) 348-0562	500 Lincoln Way / 940 Bloomfield Rd	Multiple Branches
PNC Bank	(502) 349-0756	105 W John Rowan Blvd	National Bank
WesBanco	(502) 348-6421	401 E John Rowan Blvd	Full-service Banking
Abound Credit Union	(800) 285-5669	100 Kelly Dr / 3795 E John Rowan Blvd	Local Credit Union
South Central Bank (LPO)	(502) 350-6725	209 W Stephen Foster Ave	Loan Production office
Motto Mortgage	(502)-871-4126	101 Manor Drive	Mortgage Broker

Distillery Info



Business

Description

Bardstown Bourbon Company

A modern distillery offering immersive tours, tastings, a restaurant, and views of the production process through glass-walled rickhouses. Features a nosing experience and on-site dining.

Heaven Hill Distillery

Home to brands like Evan Williams and Elijah Craig; includes the Bourbon Heritage Center with interactive exhibits, tastings, a documentary, and a large gift shop. The bottling facility is not open for tours, but the experience focuses on bourbon history.

Lux Row Distillers

Offers tours and tastings of premium bourbons in a scenic setting; known for its welcoming atmosphere and educational experiences.

Willett Distilling Company

A family-owned distillery with tours emphasizing craft bourbon production; includes tastings and a gift shop.

Barton 1792 Distillery

One of the oldest operating distilleries in Bardstown, providing tours of its historic facilities and bourbon tastings.

Preservation Distillery

A small-batch operation focused on unique bourbons; offers intimate tours and tastings.

Log Still Distillery

Features distillery tours, an outdoor amphitheater for events and concerts, and a campus with additional amenities.

Makers Mark Distillery

Known for its red wax-sealed bottles; tours highlight art, gardens, and the dipping process, with a focus on non-drinking aspects like the grounds.

My Old Kentucky Home State Park

A historic Federal-style mansion that inspired Stephen Foster's song; offers guided tours with costumed interpreters, a golf course, gardens, and seasonal musical performances in an amphitheater. Includes mint julep classes and events.

Things to Do

Bourbon Tours Restaurants Outdoor Adventures Culture

Restaurants & Dining

- Bardstown Burger: 2025 voted best burger in Kentucky by Kentucky Living
- Mammy's Kitchen: 2025 voted 2nd best breakfast in Kentucky by Kentucky Living
- Primo's: Italian cuisine
- Oak & Ember: Fine dining located in The Trail Hotel
- Old Talbott Tavern: Historic tavern since 1779, casual dining
- Bardstown Bourbon Kitchen: On-site dining experience at distillery
- Colton's Steak House: Family steakhouse
- El Jimador: Mexican cuisine
- Scout & Scholar Brewing: Brewpub & gastropub
- The Bar at Willett: Craft cocktails and gourmet small plates

Outdoor & Recreation

- Bernheim Arboretum: 16,000 acres of forest trails & public art
- My Old KY Home Park: Tours, concerts, walking trails
- Sympton Lake: Boating and fishing permitted
- Community Park Trails: Walking/biking paths, courts, playground
- Cobblestone Path: Historic limestone pedestrian path
- New Aquatic & Sports Center coming in December 2026

Culture & History.

- Oscar Getz Museum: Bourbon history exhibits at Spalding Hall
- Downtown Walking Tours: Architecture and bourbon heritage
- Bardstown Art Gallery: Local exhibits and events
- Stephen Foster Story: Outdoor musicals each summer

