



New to Polk County: Getting Settled

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Electricity

Your provider depends on the address, not the town name. Ask the seller or landlord which one serves the meter.

- **Livingston Municipal Electric System:** Customers inside the Livingston city limits, and only there. 936-327-4311
- **Sam Houston Electric Cooperative:** Much of rural Polk County — the co-op's territory covers parts of ten counties. 936-327-5711
- **Entergy Texas:** Parts of Polk County outside both the city system and the co-op's territory. Entergy is also the wholesale supplier behind the Livingston city system, which does not make you an Entergy customer. 800-968-8243

Inside Livingston city limits, the city bills electricity, water, sewer and garbage together. Sign up at Livingston City Hall, 200 West Church Street.

Water, gas and internet

- **Water:** Fifty-four separate community water systems serve Polk County. That is not a mistake in the counting — it is what a county of lake subdivisions looks like. The provider's name is on the seller's water bill.
- **Natural gas:** Natural gas reaches seven places in Polk County and no further. Everywhere else is propane, which is a delivered fuel rather than a regulated utility and is not covered here.
- **Internet:** Coverage in this county changes street by street, so the honest answer is a lookup rather than a list. Check an address on the FCC National Broadband Map (broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home).

Full provider list: Utilities (polktx.com/utilities).

Trash

Polk County contracts Republic Services to run the county landfill and five citizens collection stations. The landfill takes anything a station will not; the stations are for household bags, near where you live, cash only.

Polk County Landfill

3574 West FM 942, Leggett, TX 77351
936-622-0985

Collection station locations and hours: Trash and Recycling (polktx.com/waste). Inside some city limits and subdivisions, trash pickup comes with the water or city bill; ask the provider.

Driver license and vehicle

- **Driver license:** new residents must get a Texas license from the Department of Public Safety within 90 days of moving to Texas. Offices are appointment only. Local office: Livingston Driver License Office, 1737 N Washington Avenue, Livingston, TX 77351, 936-327-6806. More: Driver license (polktx.com/drivers-license).
- **Vehicle registration:** you have 30 days after moving to Texas to register your vehicle. The vehicle must pass a Texas inspection first. Register with the Polk County Tax Assessor-Collector: 416 N. Washington Ave, Livingston; sub-offices in Corrigan and Onalaska. (936) 327-6801.

Voting

Register to vote at your new address at least 30 days before an election. Apply through VoteTexas.gov (votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/index.html).

Polk County Clerk — Elections

101 W Church Street, Livingston, TX 77351
936-327-6805

Upcoming elections and polling places: Elections (polktx.com/elections).

Schools

Six school districts serve Polk County. Which one serves a home depends on the address; call the district to confirm before you buy or enroll.

DISTRICT	BASED IN	PHONE
Livingston ISD (livingstonisd.com)	Livingston	(936) 328-2100
Onalaska ISD (onalaskaisd.net)	Onalaska	(936) 646-1000
Corrigan-Camden ISD (ccisdtx.com)	Corrigan	(936) 398-2341
Big Sandy ISD (bigsandyisd.net)	Dallardsville	(936) 563-1000
Leggett ISD (leggettisd.net)	Leggett	(936) 398-2412
Goodrich ISD (goodrichisd.net)	Goodrich	(936) 365-1100

Homestead exemption

If you own the home and live in it, apply for a residence homestead exemption with Polk Central Appraisal District. The form is Texas Comptroller Form 50-114. The general deadline is before May 1. Details: Property taxes, explained (polktx.com/real-estate/property-taxes).

Getting settled checklist

- ☐ Electric service in my name
- ☐ Water service in my name
- ☐ Gas or propane set up
- ☐ Internet ordered
- ☐ Trash pickup or station plan
- ☐ Texas driver license (within 90 days)
- ☐ Vehicle inspected and registered (within 30 days)
- ☐ Registered to vote at my new address
- ☐ School enrollment done, if needed
- ☐ Homestead exemption filed

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Sources for this page:

- PolkTX Utilities (providers verified 2026-09-09) (polktx.com/utilities)
- PolkTX Trash and Recycling (verified 2026-09-08) (polktx.com/waste)
- Texas Department of Motor Vehicles: New to Texas (txdmv.gov/motorists/new-to-texas)
- Texas Department of Public Safety: Moving to Texas (dps.texas.gov/section/driver-license/moving-texas)
- Polk County Tax Assessor-Collector (vehicle registration) (polk-tax.com)
- Polk County Elections (polktx.gov/313/Elections)
- VoteTexas.gov (Texas Secretary of State) (votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/index.html)
- Texas Comptroller: property tax exemptions (comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/exemptions)
- PolkTX Schools (district contacts verified 2026-09-01) (polktx.com/schools)

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