

## ***IMPORTANT STEPS TO BECOMING A FLORIDA RESIDENT***

1. Secure automobile insurance - company of choice/must meet Florida limits
2. Register your automobile in Florida - (239) 774-8177, Collier County Tax Collector/Collier County Courthouse, 3301 Tamiami Trail East. Bring original title and proof of insurance.
3. Obtain Florida driver's license - (239) 434-4600, Collier County Department of Motor Vehicles, 725 Airport Road South. Bring auto registration and driver's license. New residents have 30 days to apply for a Florida driver's license.
4. Change voter registration to Florida - (239) 774-8450 Call for over 180 locations to register. Bring Florida driver's license, photo I.D., or copy of any utility bill or bank statement with your name and Florida address. You may register to vote at the time you obtain your Florida driver's license.
5. Pursue Florida declaration of domicile - (239) 774-8999, Collier County Clerk of Circuit Court/ Courthouse, Building F, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. Bring driver's license; other I.D. is helpful but not required.
6. File for homestead exemption - (239) 774-8141, Collier County Property Appraiser/ County Government Center, 3285 Tamiami Trail East. Bring Florida driver's license, automobile registration, voter's registration card, social security card, warranty deed and property tax bill. File between January 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year in which you want the homestead exemption to apply.
7. File Federal Income Tax Return in Florida - (800) 829-1040 Atlanta Regional Office.
8. Show "intent" of your Florida residence - Spend majority of your time in Florida; move securities and bank accounts to Florida; handle business affairs in Florida; change your Will as a resident of Florida

For Lee County residents you will need to file at the Lee County Courthouse located in downtown Fort Myers. Call (239) 339-6100 for information.