How can I go about finding a place to live?

Besides looking for rentals or homes to purchase in Bloomsburg, you may want to consider nearby towns. Danville, Berwick, and Catawissa have grocery stores, gas stations, etc and are located within 10 miles from Bloomsburg. Two townships that are essentially suburbs include Espy and Lightstreet. Towns with fewer services, but have gas stations-markets and are located fewer than 10 miles from Bloomsburg include Millville and Orangeville.

- You should check out the classified advertisements in the *Press Enterprise*, a newspaper that serves Bloomsburg and the surrounding area.
- Real Estate agents arrange rentals and the purchase of homes. To learn more about Real Estate agents, you may want to check out the website, Realtor.com, where you can search for agents and companies.

Some general tips:

1. If you are looking for a rental, find out if heating is included in the rental cost. If heating is not included, find out what the heating source is and the estimated costs. Traditional heating sources include oil, electric, or natural gas.
2. If you are renting or buying a property, find out if parking is included because parts of Bloomsburg and nearby towns only offer on-street parking for which you will likely need a parking permit.
3. If you have school-age children, then look below at links to information about schools.
4. Consider asking your department for help in finding a place; department chairs or secretaries can send out email inquiries to the campus community, and colleagues might even be willing to check out apartments if you are unable to get to Bloomsburg easily.
5. Flooding is a natural part of living in the Susquehanna River valley, so you may want to make inquiries about flood impact on the land surrounding properties of interest.

Where do I get information about the area including parking tags and recycling?

To learn more about the area, you may want to visit:

The Town of Bloomsburg's website;

Columbia County's website; and

Columbia-Montour Counties Tourism website.

Parking Permits

The town of Bloomsburg requires a parking tag for on-street parking in some parts of town. These areas are defined by the Bloomsburg Police Department.

Tags for residents and spare tags for visitors are available for purchase at the police station on the corner of East and Main Streets (just down the hill from Carver Hall).

Please note the town of Bloomsburg runs a street sweeper daily from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM April to November to prevent debris from blocking the sewers, and issues tickets to cars that are in the way, even if they have displayed a parking hang tag. Check street signs on your block to determine which day(s) of the

week to avoid parking on the street.

In addition, many parts of town have meter parking with hourly limits.

Recycling

The town of Bloomsburg requires all recyclable material to be recycled. For more information visit the [Bloomsburg Recycling Center](#). Most townships also provide opportunities to recycle at the township buildings.

What are the school districts in Columbia County?

The [Pennsylvania Department of Education](#) provides an [Education Directory](#) that should guide you to information about schools and school districts in the area.

Where do I go for a Pennsylvania driver's license and register my vehicle(s)?

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation web site:
"All new residents with out-of-state non-commercial driver's licenses **must obtain a PA Driver's License within 60 days of establishing Pennsylvania residency**. To apply, you must appear in person at one of the PA State Driver License Centers." See link below.

In addition, "All new residents are required to **make application for Pennsylvania title and registration of their vehicle(s) within 20 days of establishing residency** in Pennsylvania." See link below.

In this region, not all driving license centers are open on a daily basis or offer limited services. So check out [New Resident/Relocating Information Center link at the](#) [Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.](#)

How do I register to vote?
If you are residing in Columbia County, you should consult their website for more information on [how to register](#). The state website for voting is https://www.votespa.com/Pages/default.aspx

What are my tax obligations? Here's an outline but always consult government sources or a tax advisor when you have questions.
1. a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania income tax return (http://www.doreservices.state.pa.us/Individual/default.htm) (generally due April 15);
2. a local (municipal) earned income tax return https://dced.pa.gov/local-government/local-income-tax-information/ (generally due April 15);
3. a local (school district) earned income tax return (generally due April 15);,
4. a local (municipal) per capita tax coupon (generally due June 30); and
5. a local (school district) per capita tax coupon (generally due October 30).

In addition, real property owners can expect to file:

1. county/municipality real property tax coupon (generally due June 30), and

2. school district real property tax coupon (generally due October 30).

Finally, some municipalities levy a local services tax or an occupational privilege tax (https://dced.pa.gov/local-government/local-income-tax-information/**)** which is generally withheld from a taxpayer's paycheck.

Tax advice is for general information only. There may be other, additional tax obligations. This advice is not written to be used and cannot be used for the purpose of avoiding penalties. No one may use this memorandum in promoting, marketing or recommending an arrangement relating to any federal or state tax issue.   Consult your tax advisor regarding your specific factual situation.

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