Your Garden City home, *switched on.*

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TL;DR

Power is Idaho Power and gas is Intermountain Gas. Garden City runs its own water and sewer, with trash on the same city bill, and your title company moves the account at closing. File your homestead exemption with Ada County after you move in.

Your setup checklist

Work top to bottom.

ONE WEEK BEFORE CLOSING

- [ ] **Transfer power into your name**
  Call or go online with Idaho Power and give your closing date as the start date.
- [ ] **Transfer natural gas**
  Intermountain Gas starts service on the date you choose. Skip this if the home is all electric.
- [ ] **Start water, sewer and trash**
  Find who serves the address first. In Garden City that can depend on the street.
- [ ] **Book internet installation**
  Install dates often book out. Check which providers reach your address, then schedule.
- [ ] **Forward your mail**
  Set a USPS forward from your old address to start on move day.

CLOSING DAY

- [ ] **Confirm every account is in your name**
  Ask your agent to confirm the seller has stopped service on the closing date, so nothing gets shut off between you.
- [ ] **Ask about irrigation water**
  Find out if the home has irrigation water, who delivers it, and when the season runs.

FIRST 30 DAYS

- [ ] **File your homestead exemption**
  It is not automatic for a new owner. File with the county assessor once you live in the home.
- [ ] **Register to vote at your new address**
  Update your registration so your ballot comes to the new home.
- [ ] **Contact the school district**
  Call the district with your address to confirm which district serves the home and how enrollment works.

FIRST 90 DAYS

- **Get your Idaho driver's license**
  The Idaho Transportation Department says new residents have 30 days after moving here.
- **Title and register your vehicles**
  Also within 30 days, per the state. Bring your out of state title to the county motor vehicle office.

Every contact in one place

Garden City utility and service contacts, last verified October 19, 2026

SERVICE	WHO TO CALL	PHONE	WEBSITE
Power	Idaho Power	(208) 388-2323	tools.idahopower.com (https://tools.idahopower.com/StartStopMove/StartRequest)
Natural gas	Intermountain Gas Company SOME AREAS	(800) 548-3679	intgas.com (https://www.intgas.com/customer-service/start-stop-or-transfer-service/)
Water	City of Garden City Utility Billing (water, sewer, trash)	(208) 472-2930	gardencityidaho.org (https://gardencityidaho.org/departments/utility-billing)
Irrigation water	Irrigation district lookup (Idaho Department of Water Resources)	Online	idwr.idaho.gov (https://idwr.idaho.gov/wr-administration/irrigation-organizations/)
Internet	FCC National Broadband Map	Online	broadbandmap.fcc.gov (https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/)
Internet	Sparklight SOME AREAS	Online	sparklight.com (https://www.sparklight.com/locations/boise-id)
Internet	Quantum Fiber (AT&T) SOME AREAS	Online	quantumfiber.com (https://www.quantumfiber.com/local/id/garden-city)
Internet	TDS Fiber SOME AREAS	Online	tdstelecom.com (https://tdstelecom.com/local/idaho/garden-city.html)
Homestead exemption	Homeowner's exemption (Ada County Assessor)	(208) 287-7200	adacounty.id.gov (https://adacounty.id.gov/assessor/assessor-transaction-verification-homeowners-exemption-application-form/)
Property tax payments	Ada County Treasurer (property tax payments)	(208) 287-6800	paydici.com (https://paydici.com/ada-county-id/search/property-tax)
Driver's license	Idaho driver's license (Idaho Transportation Department)	(208) 584-4343	itd.idaho.gov (https://itd.idaho.gov/service/drivers-license-and-id-required-documents/)
Driver's license	Ada County Sheriff Driver's License Offices	(208) 577-3100	dmvscheduling.adacounty.id.gov (https://dmvscheduling.adacounty.id.gov/qmaticwebbooking/#/)
Vehicle title and plates	Vehicle title and registration (Idaho Transportation Department)	(208) 584-4343	itd.idaho.gov (https://itd.idaho.gov/dmv/registrations-plates-titles/)
Vehicle title and plates	Ada County Assessor Motor Vehicle (DMV) Offices	(208) 577-3135	dmvscheduling.adacounty.id.gov (https://dmvscheduling.adacounty.id.gov/qmaticwebbooking/#/)
Voter registration	VoteIdaho (Idaho Secretary of State)	Online	voteidaho.gov (https://voteidaho.gov/voter-registration/)

SERVICE	WHO TO CALL	PHONE	WEBSITE
Voter registration	Ada County Elections	(208) 287-6860	adacounty.id.gov (https://adacounty.id.gov/elections/registering-to-vote/)
School district	Boise School District SOME AREAS	(208) 854-4000	boiseschools.org (https://boiseschools.org/93264)
School district	West Ada School District SOME AREAS	(208) 855-4500	westada.org (https://westada.org/page/enrollment-new-student)
Mail forwarding	USPS mail forwarding	Online	moversguide.usps.com (https://moversguide.usps.com/)

Is your home outside city limits?

A Garden City mailing address does not mean the home is inside Garden City city limits. Homes outside city limits often have different services.

- Water may come from a private well instead of a city or water company.
- Sewer may be a septic system that you own and maintain.
- Trash goes through the county or a private hauler, not the city.
- Check the county property map below to see if the home is inside city limits.

Hardin Sanitation (outside city limits, Ada County)

Required trash and recycling for homes outside city limits in Ada County. Homes inside a city use that city's hauler.

How to start: Ada County bills this service. Call Ada County Trash Billing at (208) 577-4710 to set up billing. Call Hardin for carts.

(208) 642-2629 · adacounty.id.gov (https://adacounty.id.gov/trashbilling/) ·

Look up your property (https://apps.adacounty.id.gov/PropertyLookup/)

Central District Health (wells and septic, Ada County)

Septic permits and records, and well water testing guidance.

How to start: Look up your home's septic permit in the online records. Test well water through a certified lab.

(208) 375-5211 · Search septic records (https://aca-prod.accela.com/CDH/Default.aspx) ·

cdh.idaho.gov (https://cdh.idaho.gov/environmental-health/water-wastewater-septic/)

Map: 707 N Armstrong Pl, Boise, ID 83704

Central District Health recommends testing a private well at least once a year for bacteria and nitrates.

Ada County property lookup (city limits check)

Shows whether your parcel is inside city limits, plus its tax districts.

How to start: Search your address and check the map layers.

(208) 287-7200 · adacounty.id.gov (https://adacounty.id.gov/assessor/property-assessments-records/assessors-property-records/) · Look up your property (https://apps.adacounty.id.gov/PropertyLookup/)

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