

Good News Realty Group • Star Utility Setup Checklist

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Your Star home, *switched on.*

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TL;DR

Power is Idaho Power and gas is Intermountain Gas. Star Sewer & Water District handles both water and sewer, and your title company moves the account after closing. Star sits in both Ada and Canyon County, so file your homestead exemption with the county your home is 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 Star 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

Star 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	Star Sewer & Water District (water and sewer) SOME AREAS	(208) 286-7388	starswd.com (https://www.starswd.com)
Trash and recycling	Republic Services	(208) 345-1265	republicservices.com (https://www.republicservices.com/municipality/star-id)
Irrigation water	Irrigation district lookup (Idaho Department of Water Resources)	Online	idwr.idaho.gov (https://idwr.idaho.gov/wr-administration/irrigation-organizations/)
Irrigation water	Star irrigation (HOA systems and ditch companies) SOME AREAS	Online	staridaho.org (https://www.staridaho.org/1401/Irrigation-Canals)
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/star-id)
Internet	Quantum Fiber (AT&T) SOME AREAS	Online	quantumfiber.com (https://www.quantumfiber.com/local/id/star)
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/)
Homestead exemption	Homeowner's exemption (Canyon County Assessor)	(208) 454-7431	apps.canyoncounty.id.gov (https://apps.canyoncounty.id.gov/HmExemptionApp)
Property tax payments	Ada County Treasurer (property tax payments)	(208) 287-6800	paydici.com (https://paydici.com/ada-county-id/search/property-tax)
Property tax payments	Canyon County Treasurer (property tax payments)	(208) 454-7354	canyoncounty.billingdoc.net (https://canyoncounty.billingdoc.net/login)
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/#/)
Driver's license	Canyon County Sheriff Driver's License Office	(208) 454-7487	nqa3.nemoqappointment.com (https://nqa3.nemoqappointment.com/Booking/Booking/Index/n1q2a3v)

SERVICE	WHO TO CALL	PHONE	WEBSITE
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/#/)
Vehicle title and plates	Canyon County Assessor Motor Vehicle Office	(208) 455-6020	nqa3.nemogapointment.com (https://nqa3.nemogapointment.com/Booking/Booking/Index/6yh3e5tg7)
Voter registration	Voteldaho (Idaho Secretary of State)	Online	voteidaho.gov (https://voteidaho.gov/voter-registration/)
Voter registration	Ada County Elections	(208) 287-6860	adacounty.id.gov (https://adacounty.id.gov/elections/registering-to-vote/)
Voter registration	Canyon County Elections	(208) 454-7562	voteidaho.gov (https://voteidaho.gov/voter-registration/)
School district	West Ada School District SOME AREAS	(208) 855-4500	westada.org (https://www.westada.org/o/wasd/page/school-registration)
School district	Middleton School District #134 SOME AREAS	(208) 585-3027	ms134.org (https://www.ms134.org/parents/enrollment)
Mail forwarding	USPS mail forwarding	Online	moversguide.usps.com (https://moversguide.usps.com/)

Is your home outside city limits?

A Star mailing address does not mean the home is inside Star 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](tel:(208)642-2629) · [adacounty.id.gov \(https://adacounty.id.gov/trashbilling/\)](https://adacounty.id.gov/trashbilling/) ·

[Look up your property \(https://apps.adacounty.id.gov/PropertyLookup/\)](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](tel:(208)375-5211) · [Search septic records \(https://aca-prod.accela.com/CDH/Default.aspx\)](https://aca-prod.accela.com/CDH/Default.aspx) ·

[cdh.idaho.gov \(https://cdh.idaho.gov/environmental-health/water-wastewater-septic/\)](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/) (<https://adacounty.id.gov/assessor/property-assessments-records/assessors-property-records/>)
· [Look up your property](https://apps.adacounty.id.gov/PropertyLookup/) (<https://apps.adacounty.id.gov/PropertyLookup/>)

Trash outside city limits (Canyon County)

Canyon County has no single hauler for homes outside city limits.

How to start: Sign up with a private hauler that serves your road, or haul to Pickles Butte Landfill. The phone below is the landfill.

(208) 466-7288 · [canyoncounty.id.gov](https://www.canyoncounty.id.gov/elected-officials/commissioners/solid-waste/) (<https://www.canyoncounty.id.gov/elected-officials/commissioners/solid-waste/>)

 **Map:** [15500 Missouri Ave, Nampa, ID 83686](#)

Southwest District Health (wells and septic, Canyon County)

Septic permits and records, and well water testing.

How to start: Request your home's septic record through the online portal. Call Environmental Health about well testing.

(208) 455-5400 · [Search septic records](https://swdh3.hedgerowsoftware.com/#/home) (<https://swdh3.hedgerowsoftware.com/#/home>) ·

[swdh.id.gov](https://swdh.id.gov/environmental-health/) (<https://swdh.id.gov/environmental-health/>)

 **Map:** [13307 Miami Ln, Caldwell, ID 83607](#)

Canyon County parcel map

Parcel map and parcel details for any Canyon County address.

How to start: Search your address on the map, or call the assessor to ask if the home is inside city limits.

(208) 454-7431 · [canyoncounty.id.gov](https://www.canyoncounty.id.gov/departments/gis/) (<https://www.canyoncounty.id.gov/departments/gis/>) ·

[Look up your property](https://maps.canyoncounty.id.gov/arcgisportal/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d8d464f3b19f485bb9d4d9136aba0ee5) (<https://maps.canyoncounty.id.gov/arcgisportal/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d8d464f3b19f485bb9d4d9136aba0ee5>)

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