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Settling In & Finding Your People

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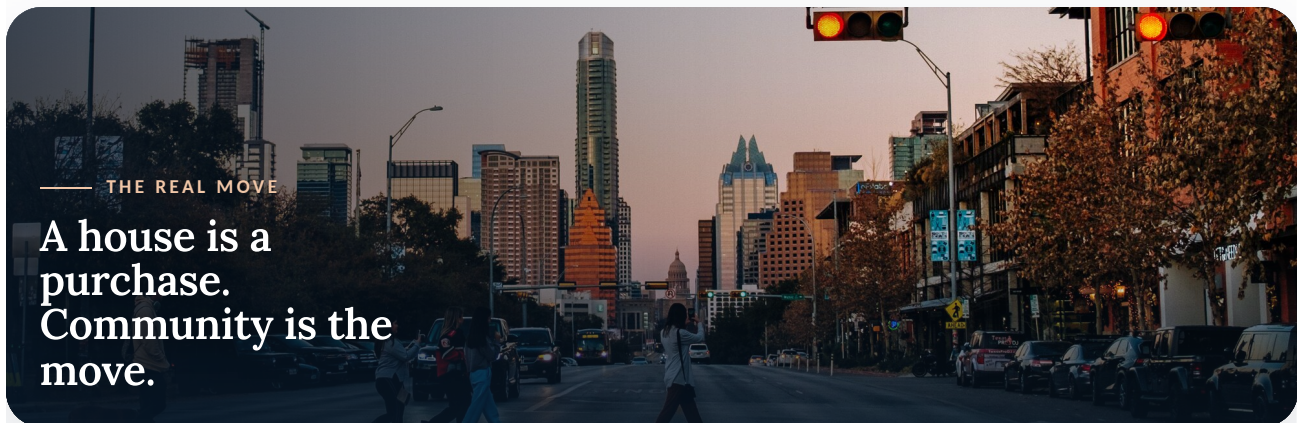
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The part most moving guides skip

Finding the house is the easy part. The thing that actually decides whether a move feels like a win is everything after closing: your people, your doctor, your kids' Saturday, your place on Sunday morning. This companion is about landing as a whole family, not just a household, and rebuilding the community you left behind. It's the stuff we help our clients with long after the keys change hands.

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Rebuilding your community

Nobody warns you that the hardest part of relocating isn't logistical, it's social. You leave a life where you knew the pharmacist, the coach, and the neighbors, and you arrive somewhere you know no one. The families who settle in fastest treat community as a project with a plan, not something that just happens. Here's the plan.



Start before you land

Join the neighborhood and city groups online while you're still packing. You'll arrive already knowing the school-pickup rhythm, the good taco truck, and who to ask about a plumber.



Anchor to three things

A place you worship or gather, a place you move your body, and a place you see the same faces weekly. Three anchors and a new city starts feeling like home within a couple of months.



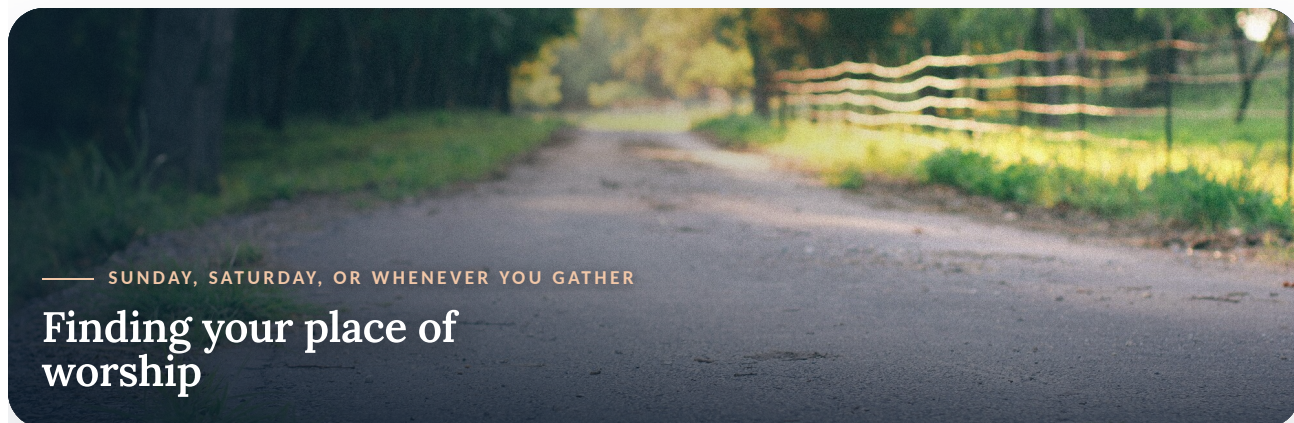
Say yes early

The block party, the newcomer coffee, the volunteer shift. The invitations thin out after your first few months, so lean in while you're new and everyone expects you to.



Ask us

We've helped a lot of families land here, and we're glad to make warm introductions, whatever your family is into. Just tell us what you're looking for.



Finding your faith community

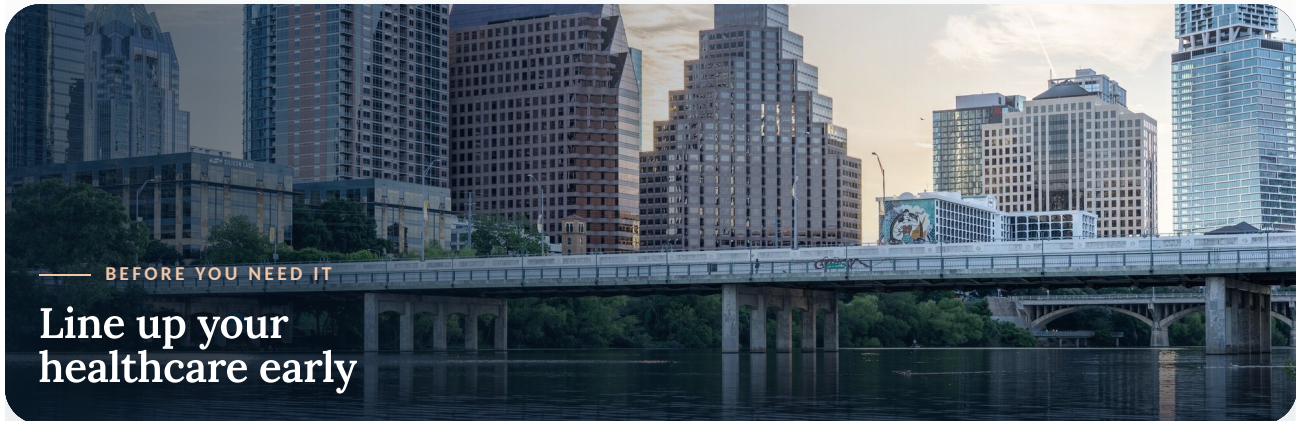
For a lot of families, the place they worship is the fastest way to rebuild community, and often the first thing they miss after a move. Central Texas is genuinely welcoming across traditions, and whatever yours is, there's very likely a home for it here. This is a neutral starting map, not a recommendation or a reason to pick one neighborhood over another. The right congregation is a personal fit, and it's one worth visiting a few before you settle.

- ☐ **Christian, many traditions:** Catholic parishes (the Diocese of Austin covers the region), and Protestant congregations across the spectrum, from historic downtown churches to large contemporary campuses and small neighborhood churches, in nearly every part of the metro.
- ☐ **Jewish community:** Austin has an established and growing Jewish community with Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, and other congregations, plus a JCC and Hillel at UT. Shalom Austin is a good central starting point.
- ☐ **Muslim community:** several mosques and Islamic centers serve the metro, with the North Austin Muslim Community Center and others offering prayer, education, and community programs.
- ☐ **Hindu, Buddhist & other traditions:** the Barsana Dham / Radha Madhav Dham temple south of Austin, Buddhist sanghas and meditation centers, and a range of other faith communities reflect the region's growing diversity.
- ☐ **Latter-day Saint, Orthodox Christian, Bahá'í, and more:** the metro's growth means most traditions now have a local home. If you tell us what you practice, we can point you toward directories and, where we know them, specific communities.



A note on how we help

Fair-housing rules (which we take seriously) mean we never steer anyone toward or away from a neighborhood based on religion, and we don't. What we do gladly: help a family that asks find directories and communities for their own faith so they can rebuild that part of life quickly. Where you worship is your call; getting you connected is ours to help with.



Healthcare & finding your doctors

Do this in your first weeks, not the first time someone's sick. Central Texas has strong, growing healthcare, anchored by a few major systems and a deep bench of independent practices:

- ☐ **The major systems:** Ascension Seton, St. David's HealthCare, and Baylor Scott & White operate hospitals and clinic networks across the metro. Dell Seton Medical Center at UT anchors the teaching hospital and Dell Medical School downtown.
- ☐ **Kids:** Dell Children's Medical Center is the region's dedicated pediatric hospital, with a growing network of specialty and urgent-care locations.
- ☐ **Establish care early:** primary-care and pediatric practices fill up. Pick and register with a family doctor, pediatrician, dentist, and OB/GYN in your first month, before you need them.
- ☐ **Know your urgent-care options:** map the nearest urgent care and ER to your new home on day one. In a fast-growing area, the closest one may be newer than your GPS thinks.
- ☐ **Check your network:** if you're keeping an out-of-state employer's plan, confirm which local systems are in-network before you choose a doctor.



— LANDING AS A FAMILY

Kids settle when they're busy and known

Kids, schools & family life

Kids take their cues from you, and they settle fastest when they're busy and start seeing the same faces. A few moves that help:

- ☐ **Schools are yours to research.** We don't rank areas by schools, that's both against the rules and not our place. Verify boundaries, ratings, and campuses per address with the district and the Texas Education Agency, and tour before you decide.
- ☐ **Sign up for something in week one.** A sport, a scouts troop, a dance class, a library program. The routine and the repeat faces do the heavy lifting of making friends.
- ☐ **The libraries are a secret weapon.** Austin Public Library and the county and suburban systems run free story times, maker programs, and summer reading that plug new kids in fast.
- ☐ **Youth sports run deep here:** YMCA leagues, city rec programs, and club sports across every interest. Registration windows matter, so ask early.
- ☐ **Find the family third places:** the splash pads, the children's museum (the Thinkery), the nature centers, and the neighborhood parks that become your weekend rotation.



— FOUR-LEGGED FAMILY TOO

A genuinely dog-friendly city

Pets & the outdoors

- ☐ **Austin loves dogs.** Off-leash areas like Red Bud Isle and Auditorium Shores, dog-friendly patios almost everywhere, and miles of trail make this an easy city for a dog to land in.

- ☐ **Line up a vet early**, and ask about the local seasonal stuff, heartworm and fleas are year-round here, and summer heat and hot pavement are real. Your northern dog will need to acclimate.
- ☐ **Register and microchip** per your city's rules once you're settled, and keep water and shade front-of-mind from late spring through fall.
- ☐ **Watch the wildlife:** the Hill Country brings snakes, and some trails post seasonal warnings. Nothing to fear, just worth knowing on day one.

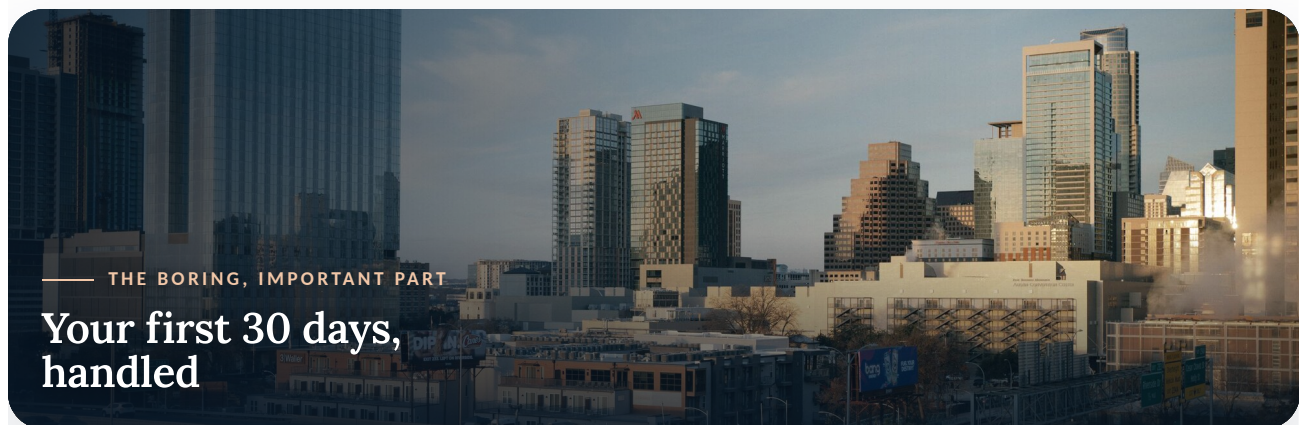
Getting plugged in

Beyond faith and family, the fastest ways adults make real friends in a new city:

- ☐ **Volunteer.** Central Texas has a huge nonprofit and mutual-aid culture. Giving a few hours a month is the single best way to meet people who share your values.
- ☐ **Newcomer and neighborhood groups:** most communities have an active online group and regular meetups. Introduce yourself; people here are genuinely glad you came.
- ☐ **Follow your hobby:** run clubs, cycling groups, climbing gyms, book clubs, maker spaces, rec leagues. Shared activity beats small talk every time.
- ☐ **Your industry is probably here:** tech, healthcare, film, music, government, trades. Professional meetups double as friend-making once you're settled.

We don't disappear at closing

Months after you've moved in, need a recommendation for a pediatric dentist, a soccer club, or a good barbershop? Reach out any time. Most of our business comes from families we've taken good care of, long after the sale.



Your first 30 days: the admin

Knock these out early so nothing lapses:

WEEK 1

- ☐ Utilities and internet on: electricity (Texas has retail choice in many areas), water, gas, trash
- ☐ Map your nearest grocery, pharmacy, urgent care, and ER
- ☐ USPS mail forwarding; update banks, employer, and subscriptions

WEEKS 2-3

- ☐ Texas driver's license and vehicle registration/inspection: new residents have a limited window, so check the DMV/DPS deadlines
- ☐ Register to vote at your new address
- ☐ Establish a family doctor, pediatrician, dentist, and vet

BY DAY 30

- ☐ File your homestead exemption for your primary residence (verify current rules with the county appraisal district)
- ☐ Sign the kids up for one activity; introduce yourself in the neighborhood group
- ☐ Visit a place of worship or community group if that's part of your life

Handy links

- ☐ [Visit Austin](#) — events, neighborhoods, and things to do
- ☐ [Austin Public Library](#) — free programs, story times, and summer reading
- ☐ [Ascension Seton](#) — find a doctor or location across the metro
- ☐ [St. David's HealthCare](#) — hospitals, urgent care, and clinics
- ☐ [Baylor Scott & White](#) — clinics and hospitals across Central Texas
- ☐ [Dell Children's](#) — the region's pediatric hospital network
- ☐ [Texas DMV](#) — vehicle registration and titling for new residents
- ☐ [Texas DPS](#) — your Texas driver's license

Texas Comptroller — homestead-exemption basics and current rules

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We're a husband-and-wife team who help families move to Central Texas with less stress and more confidence. This guide is our way of helping before you ever pick up the phone. Whenever you want a real person to think it through with you, whether that's areas, timing, or a specific home, we're one call or text away. No pressure, ever.

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