

St. Louis Resource Guide



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RESOURCES

Living in St. Louis

If you look at a map of the St. Louis metropolitan area, you will see the city limits are clearly delineated from St. Louis county, as the City of St. Louis is a distinct and separate governmental entity from St. Louis County. An important factor to note is that if you **live or work** in the City of St. Louis, you will pay a 1% city income tax, in addition to your state and federal income tax. If your employer does not withhold this tax for you, it still must be paid.

The University campus is bordered by the municipalities of University City and Clayton, not St. Louis City. The website for the City of St. Louis is www.stlouis.missouri.org ; the website for St. Louis County is www.stlouisco.com.

Neighborhoods

As you seek off-campus housing opportunities, you will likely want to investigate the neighborhoods. It is difficult to give opinions on a neighborhood since it is usually not known what type of setting you are most used to – urban, suburban, rural, or something in-between. It is recommended that you look at neighborhood resources online to get a better feel for the area and equip yourself with facts that are important to you, for example schools. There are several ways to accomplish this task, depending on where you are moving:

■ St. Louis City

The City of St. Louis has a “Neighborhoods of the City of St. Louis Guide,” which can be found at: <https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/neighborhoods/>. The index includes neighborhoods listed by name Click on the name of interest. It will describe where the location of the neighborhood. Not all neighborhood sites will have the same information listed such external links and events. Some neighborhood information is updated more frequently than others.

■ St. Louis County

Having a few maps may be helpful, as there are 91 municipalities that make up St. Louis County. Go to the county website at www.stlouisco.com and select “Online Services” on the top of the screen then click on “Mapping and Data” then click on “Interactive Property Viewer”. The interactive map feature will show satellite images of any area in St. Louis County that is selected.

To research individual municipalities, go to the county website and select “Your Government” on the top of the screen and click on “Municipalities”. The municipalities are divided into four categories: Mid-County, North, South, and West. Select a municipality to connect to a general information page that often lists a website for the municipality/city. For example, selecting “Clayton” from the menu will yield information about government officials, demographics, a link to the Clayton website, and more. Write down the zip code of the municipality for use in searching for neighborhood information on other resource sites by zip code.

Campus Housing (Off-Campus)

Call Quadrangle Housing at 314-935-9511 or 1-800-874-4330 (700 Rosedale Ct. Campus Box 1016 St Louis, MO 63112) or www.offcampushousing.wustl.edu, or one of the following housing search aids. Additional housing opportunities can be found with your Brown School orientation packet. Here are a few recommendations from previous students:

Vineyard Apartments, 4227 Drambuie Lane, St. Louis, MO 63129 (314) 487-2800

Chesterfield Apartments, 5295 Waterman Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63108 (314) 535-1618

Byron Company, 6050 Delmar Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63105 (314) 725-5757

Housing Search Aids

www.apartmentguide.com	A searchable index to national apartment complexes complete with coupons, floor plans, maps and photos.
www.realtor.com	A website that searches for both houses and apartments also featuring articles, financing, inspections, closing, tips and locating realtors.
Apartment Search www.apartment-search.com	An agency that will help you find an apartment free of charge. Register either on-line or by calling 1-800-286-3092.
Apartments in St. Louis www.saint-louis-apartments.com	Free St. Louis apartment rental locating service.
Apartment Exchange www.apartment-exchange.com	They have many listings throughout the area and charge a fee if rented. Call 314-647-0330.

Occupancy Limits

Limits on the number of occupants in a residence will vary from municipality to municipality. Before signing a lease, it is wise to consult with the landlord and/or call the local municipality and confirm occupancy limits. To find the contact information for St. Louis County municipalities go to www.stlouisco.com. When you select a municipality from the list, you will get general information, yet will likely also find a link to the municipality website. For St. Louis City call 314-622-3313 Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm CST.

Moving Companies

When choosing a moving company, it is wise to receive written estimates from at least three companies. Have them include the conditions of the estimate in case the final cost exceeds the estimate. Another important detail worth checking out is if the moving company is properly insured and registered with the U.S. Department of Transportation; call 202-358-7000 or visit their website at www.ai.fmcsa.dot.gov.

Below is a list of some of the more common moving companies including a local moving company. Check the yellow pages or use a favorite web browser for a wider selection of moving companies.

ABF U-Pack	800-355-1696	www.upack.com
Budget Truck Rentals	800-527-0700	www.budget.com
Movex Self-service Moving	800-876-6839	www.movex.net
Penske Truck Leasing	888-243-4201	www.pensketruckleasing.com
Stevens Van Lines	888-860-4566	www.stevensworldwide.com
U-haul	800-468-4285	www.uhaul.com
United Van Lines	877-740-3040	www.unitedvanlines.com
Two Guys and Truck	314-549-8990	www.twomenstlouis.com

Storage Facilities

After moving to St. Louis, some students have needed temporary storage space. Below are some suggestions.

Name	Street Address	Contact Information
Cornerstone Self Storage	6557 Manchester Ave.	314-646-7867
Public Storage	Various Locations	800-906-0879 www.publicstorage.com
U-Haul Co.	7270 Olive Blvd.	314-862-4433 www.uhaul.com

Utilities

While there are limited options for utilities there are a variety of companies that offer internet, television, and phone services.

St. Louis Area Utilities

AmerenUE – Electric Utility Co.	www.ameren.com	314-342-1000	Electric
AT&T	www.att.com	888-294-8433	Phone/internet/tv
Charter Communications	www.charter.net	888-438-2427	Cable/internet/tv
Earthlink Internet Service	www.earthlink.net	800-395-8410	Internet
Laclede Gas – Gas Utility Company	www.lacledegas.com	314-621-6960	Gas
Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District	www.stlmsd.com	314-768-6260	Sewer
Missouri American Water	www.amwater.com	866-430-0820	Water (County)
St. Louis City Water	www.stlwater.com	314-633-9000	Water (City)
Waste Management	www.wm.com	800-989-2783	Trash

Transportation

Most students bring a car to St. Louis because the public transportation system is limited and St. Louis City and County are spread out. However, due to the expense and limited space of parking on campus some students take the light rail and/or bus system to school. To learn more about the Metro system (the name of the public transportation system) please check out www.metrostlouis.org or 314-231-2345.

Automobile Registration

Missouri law states “You have 30 days from the date of becoming a Missouri resident to title your vehicle.” This often raises the question of what the definition of a resident is in the state of Missouri.

The state classifies residents as:

- Individuals who are domiciled in Missouri.
- Individuals that have maintained a permanent living quarters in the state and spent more than 183 days of the taxable year in the Missouri.

Some students who are not working in the state decide to maintain a residence in their home state and declare a student status to avoid changing automobile titles and registrations. Check with your home state for details regarding student status. For more details about titles and registration, go to the Missouri Department of Revenue website at dor.mo.gov. There is an online checklist which details the proper documents and inspections to be completed before a visit to the licensing office. Please note that a safety and emissions inspection is required for vehicles in the St. Louis area. For the nearest testing center, call 888-748-1AIR.

Obtaining a Missouri State Driver's License

To obtain a Missouri Driver's License, it is best to know ahead of time where to go, the proper forms of identification required, and what tests are necessary.

The nearest full service Driver's Licensing Office:
7638 Forsyth Blvd
Clayton, MO 63105
(314) 863-5331

Nearest Driver's Testing Facility:
3256 Laclede Station Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63143
(314) 877-0199

Individuals who hold a valid license from another state will only be required to take the eye exam and road sign test. Either a birth certificate or a passport is required as a form of identification at the Driver's Licensing Office along with something proving your current residency, such as a bill showing your current address. Married women will also need a copy of their marriage license since their name will be different than what is listed on their birth certificate.

For more information on obtaining your Missouri Driver's License, go to the Missouri Department of Revenue website at dor.mo.gov/drivers. Search for the "Driver Licensing Checklist" they make available to new residents on their site. New drivers that would like to obtain a Missouri Driver's test book can contact the state office at 573-751-4600 or download it from the website. Proof of insurance is required for vehicle licensing in Missouri.

Traffic

Traffic patterns in St. Louis can be confusing. Consider that you can go west, north and east on Highway 270 and never make a turn! St. Louis may seem like a large city to some, yet it is very easy to negotiate after living here for a while. As with most major cities, traffic flowing into the city in the morning and away from the city in the evening creates the heavier traffic patterns. Exceptions are when there are any weather patterns that cause back-ups, local sporting events (most downtown), or traffic accidents. Most local radio stations will carry a "traffic report" during peak traffic times to highlight the traffic along the major highways in and around the St. Louis area. A good road map and a sense of adventure and exploration will be helpful. Take the time to get to know the highways and main arteries of the area – who knows when you'll happen upon a great restaurant, park or historic site! Each community has its own distinguishing features with many ethnic and cultural events to offer.

To get an idea on traffic and road construction in the area, following are two websites to give you an idea as to roadway reality, www.traffic.com/St-Louis-Traffic/St-Louis-Traffic-Reports or www.gatewayguide.com.

Traveling to and from St. Louis

Besides driving there are several options for travel. Over ten airlines fly into the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport. Also, the light rail system provides transportation to the airport. For

more airport information, check out <http://flystl.com/>. Below are two more options of transportation to and from St. Louis.

Amtrak	430 S. 15 St., St. Louis, MO	800-872-7245	www.amtrak.com
Greyhound Bus Lines	430 S. 15 th st., St. Louis, MO	800-231-2222	www.greyhound.com

Shopping

Farmer's Market

A growing trend in St. Louis City and County are farmer's markets providing fresh produce from Missouri and Illinois. Below are a few of the markets however, for a full listing of locations in St. Louis County and City check out agebb.missouri.edu/fmktidir/. The site also provides directions.

Name	Open Days	Address
Clayton Farmer's Market	Sat., 8:30am to 12:30pm May 7 th –Nov. 5th	8282 Forsyth Boulevard St. Louis, MO 63105 (West of Straub's)
Maplewood Farmer's Market	Wed. 4pm-7pm April-October	Schlafly Bottleworks 7260 Maplewood, MO 63143
Market in the Loop	Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8am-6pm	6655 Delmar Blvd, University City, MO
Soulard Market	Wednesdays through Fridays, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 6:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Year Round	730 Carroll St., St. Louis, MO 63104

Grocery Shopping

Having a car at school is that it makes it easier to grocery shop. Local grocers are Schnucks and Dierbergs. Trader Joe's is popular with its low prices. **Western Unions** are located in the Dierberg and Schnucks in case you need to wire money.

Store Name	Street Address	Phone Number	Website
Aldi's	7725 Manchster		www.aldi.com
Dierbergs	8450 Eager Rd.	314-962-9009	www.dierbergs.com
El Capral Mexican Grocery	2817 Cherokee St.	314-423-0503	
Jay International Food Co	3172 S. Grand	314-772-2552	
Schnucks	6600 Clayton Rd. 6920 Olive Blvd. 8867 Ladue	314-644-0510	www.schnucks.com
Shop'n'Save	7355 Manchester 10461 Manchester	314-644-2908	www.shopnsave.com
Trader Joe's	48 Brentwood Promenade Court	314-963-0253	www.traderjoes.com

Shopping (Other)

Name	Location	Phone
Galleria Mall	1155 St. Louis Galleria	314- 863-6633
St. Louis Mills Mall	5555 St. Louis Mills Blvd.	314- 227-5555
WalMart	1900 Maplewood Commons Drive. 10835 St. Charles Rock Rd. 10741 West Florissant	314- 781-2165 314- 291-2300 314- 521-3422
Sams Club	2100 Maplewood Commons Drive 10735 W. Florissant 10248 Big Bend Blvd.	314- 644-7791 314-521-3800 314-965-7076
Target	25 Brentwood Promenade Ct. 4255 Hampton Ave. 1042 S. Kirkwood Rd.	314-918-9500 314-802-0122 314-822-4051

Health Services

There is no Indian Health Service Facility here in St. Louis. You should be receiving information regarding the Washington University Student Health Services and insurance. To learn more about them their website is: <http://shs.wustl.edu/>

Name	Address/Phone
Wash U Student Health Services	314- 935-6666
Barnes Jewish Hospital	One Barnes-Jewish Hospital Plaza, 314- 747-3000

People's Health Clinic	7200 Manchester Rd., 314- 781-9162
St. Mary's Health Center	6420 Clayton Rd., 314- 768-8000

Pharmacies

Store Name	Street Address	Phone	Website
Clayton Health Services Pharmacy	1035 Bellevue Ave.	314-768-8870	
K-Mart Pharmacy	6650 Manchester Rd.	314-645-5902	pharmacy.kmart.com
Schnucks Pharmacy	6600 Clayton Rd.	314-644-3580	www.schnucks.com
Walgreens	6733 Clayton Rd.	314-721-6013	www.walgreens.com
Wal-Mart Pharmacy	1900 Maplewood Commons Dr.	314-781-2935	www.walmart.com
Wash U Student Health Services		314-935-6662	shs.wustl.edu

Laundromats

Laundromat	Address
De Baliviere Cleaners	303 De Baliviere Ave St. Louis, MO 63112-1830 (314) 367-8866
West End Laundry	330 N. Sarah St. St. Louis, MO 63108-3127 (314) 371-1477

Banks

Before you come to school it is recommended that you check to see if your bank has branch in St. Louis. Bank of America has an ATM on campus. Below is some banks and credit unions in the area.

Bank	Address
Bank of America	8100 Forsyth Blvd. Clayton, MO 63105
	9629 Olive Street Rd. Olivette, MO 63132
	One Bookings Drive St. Louis, MO 63130

Commerce Bank	6630 Delmar Blvd. University City, MO 63130
	8000 Forsyth Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63105
	1443 St. Louis Galleria Richmond Heights, MO 63107
St. Louis Credit Union	7350 Olive Blvd St. Louis, MO 63130
US Bank	10 N. Hanley Rd. Clayton, MO 63105
	8822 Ladue Rd. Ladue, MO 63124

Events in St. Louis

There are a lot of **FREE** events in St. Louis during the summer and year. To learn more about these events visit: explorestlouis.com and events.stltoday.com

Resources for Children

Child Care

Center	Address
Maryam Childcare Development Center, Inc.	6527 Olive Blvd. University City, MO 63130 (314) 721-2055
Julia Goldstein Early Childhood Center	Childhood Education Center 737 Kingsland Ave. University City, MO 63130 (314) 721-2965 * Must live in U. City
University City Children's Center	6646 Vernon Ave. University City, MO 63130 (314) 726-0148
New City School	5209 Waterman Blvd St. Louis, MO 63108 (314) 361-6411
Shaw Avenue Children's Center	4265 Shaw Ave St. Louis, MO 63110 (314) 771-0780
Downtown Children's Center	607 N. 22 nd St. St. Louis, MO 63103 (314) 621-1131

Public Schools

The City of St. Louis has a separate school district. Click on the following link to find public schools in the City of St. Louis: www.slps.org. There are multiple school districts in the county. This [link](#) provides access to facts about education in St. Louis County, a map of the school districts, and links to the different school districts.

Clinics and Hospitals for Kids

Center/School	Address
St. Louis Children's Hospital	One Children's Place St. Louis, MO 63110 (314) 454-6000
Brentwood Pediatrics	1600 South Brentwood Blvd. Suite 100 St. Louis, MO 63144 (314) 918- 8827
People's Health Clinic -Pediatrics	7200 Manchester Rd. St. Louis, MO 63141 (314) 781-9162

Activities for Children

There a lot of activities for children in St. Louis including **FREE** ones like the St. Louis Zoo. Here is a link provided by the St. Louis Visitor Center of different activities:
explorestlouis.com/visit-explore/discover/st-louis-kids/

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