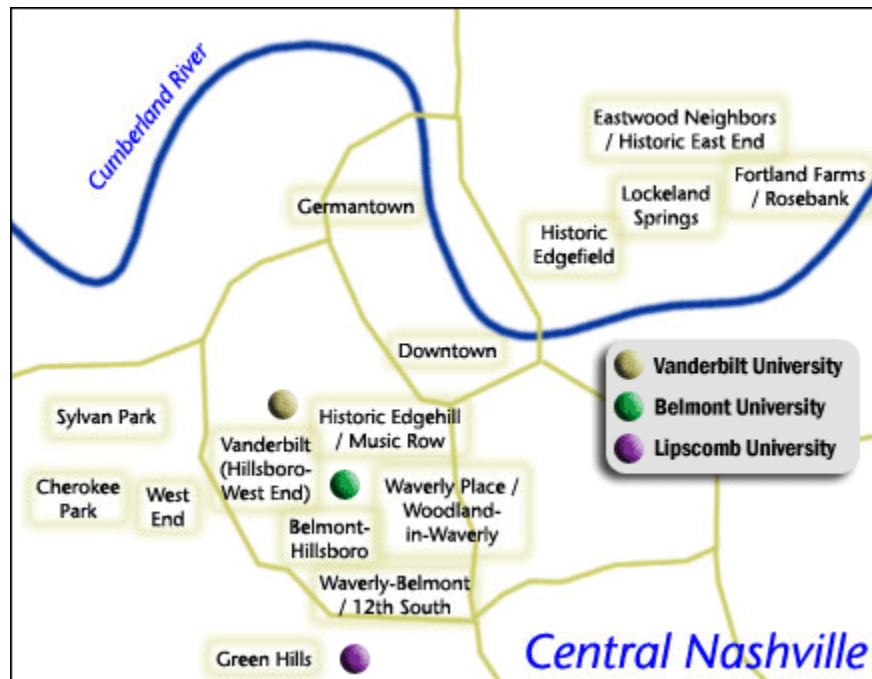




Vanderbilt Divinity School
Guide for New Students:
GETTING SETTLED IN

Central Nashville Neighborhoods Map



(courtesy: <http://www.nashvilleoffcampus.com/map.html>)

Utilities & Services (information current as of May 2009)

Check to see what utilities are included in your rent. We provide below a list of the utility companies and information about establishing service.

Nashville Electric Service

Customer Call Center

(615-736-6900) M-F 6:00am - 9:00pm, Sat 7:00am - 5:00pm

www.nespower.com

A new customer can call NES to apply for service. If you do not have satisfactory credit, you will need to pay a refundable security deposit. Transferring service from the previous tenant will cost only \$15; however, the new service connection fee is \$30 with the option of same day connection for \$45 (for the procrastinators among us).

To apply for electric service in person go to the main office at:

1214 Church St

M-F: 8am-6pm

You will need two forms of ID such as a driver's license, social security card, passport, or birth certificate.

For new customers, there is a \$180 deposit for service connection. This fee can be waived if you have a letter of credit from any gas or electric utility or if you have a favorable credit check.

Piedmont Natural Gas

800-752-7504

<http://www.piedmontng.com/>

There is a deposit to initiate service in your name, but good credit on your part will allow you to avoid the deposit entirely. Just call them at the number listed above or fill out the form on the website to start your service.

If service is not already active, they will need access to check equipment in your home.

Metro Water Services

1700 3rd Ave. N

(615-862-4600) M-F 8:00am - 5:00pm

www.nashville.gov/water

The Metropolitan Nashville Department of Water and Sewer has a Customer Services Center at the address below where you can set up a new account. There is a nonrefundable \$25 new service fee. The fee is \$35 for same day start-up.

ATT/BellSouth

(615-557-6500) M- F 7:00am-6pm, Sat 7:00am-4:00pm

www.att.com or www.bellsouth.com

ATT acquired Bellsouth about a year ago. Both websites will provide information to get phone service started in Nashville. A \$75 deposit may be waived if you have had phone service in your name before or have a favorable credit check. You can have the connection fee waived if you sign up on their website. Be prepared to pay extra if they have to send a technician out for any reason. For those with a roommate, you can get two separate long-distance carriers. All prices are on the website. Once you have service, you can also pay your bills online.

Comcast Cable

(1-800-COMCAST) 7 days a week, 24 hours a day

www.comcast.com

Comcast is a cable television provider and a digital Internet provider. They also offer digital phone service.

There are several promotional deals to get you started, but the prices tend to be steep once the promotion ends. Check the website for pricing.

High-Speed Internet:

Cable modem or DSL?

Cable modems run through your cable television lines, whereas DSL runs through your phone line. Both require some sort of modem, which you can either buy, rent from the company, or receive through some type of promotional deal. Once you run it through the modem, you can connect to a router (e.g. wireless) or directly to your computer. If you are planning to subscribe to cable TV and use only a cell phone, Comcast is probably your best bet (although, ATT should now be providing TV service as well). In starting service, always check for new promotions or coupons online - there is usually a good deal that will exempt you from paying an installation fee, give you a free modem, and/or give you a discount.

You can not get DSL connection with out at least local phone service. Cable providers also prefer you to have at least basic cable service with internet; however, there is an option to have internet as a separate entity, but the rates will be higher.

Comcast (Cable Modem)

(1-800-COMCAST) 7 days a week, 24 hours a day

www.comcast.com

Rates vary depending on whether you have pre-installed cable or choose to have cable TV along with internet. You can opt for cable-internet only but the rates are higher than bundled service.

Comcast always has promotional and start-up rates, be sure to check those out on the website; however, once the promotion ends the fees go up quite a bit.

Earthlink (DSL)

www.earthlink.com

Earthlink offers dial-up, DSL, and satellite internet services. Check website for pricing and availability. Access to DSL varies depending on where you live in Nashville. You must have a local phone number; Earthlink provides phone service as well.

ATT/Bellsouth

www.att.com or www.bellsouth.com

Either website will offer information concerning internet access as well as phone and TV service.

You will need local phone service to subscribe to DSL.

Recycling

Metro Recycling Office 615-880-1000
<http://www.nashville.gov/recycle>

The website gives information on recycling options here in Nashville from pick-up (if you live in a residential area) to drop-off sights. It also includes useful recycling tips.

Drop-Off Locations:

Ben West Building Recycling Drop-off Point

Polk Avenue & Union Street
Nashville, TN 37219

Open 24 hrs.

Accepts: newspaper, mixed paper, paper board, cardboard, aluminum, tin, plastic bottles & containers **(NO GLASS)**

Bicentennial Mall Recycling Drop-off Point

5th Avenue North & Jackson Street
Nashville, TN 37219

Open 24 hrs.

Accepts: newspaper, mixed paper, paper board, cardboard, aluminum, tin, plastic bottles & containers **(NO GLASS)**

Bellevue Metro Transit Authority's Park & Ride

Coley Davis Rd and HWY 70S
Nashville, TN 37221

Open 24 Hours

Accepts: newspaper, mixed paper, paper board, cardboard, aluminum, tin, glass containers, plastic bottles + containers

Charlotte - Wal-mart SuperCenter

7044 CHARLOTTE PK
Nashville, TN 37209

Open 24 Hours

Accepts: newspaper, mixed paper, paper board, cardboard, aluminum, tin, glass containers, plastic bottles + containers

Dupont-Hadley Middle School

1901 Old Hickory Blvd
Old Hickory, TN 37138

Open 24 Hours

Accepts: newspaper, mixed paper, paper board, cardboard, aluminum, tin, glass containers, plastic bottles + containers

Elysian Fields Kroger

3955 Nolensville Rd

Nashville, TN 37211

Open 24 Hours

Accepts: newspaper, mixed paper, paper board, cardboard, aluminum, tin, glass containers, plastic bottles + containers

Granberry Elementary School

5501 Hill Rd

Brentwood, TN 37027

Open Saturdays 9:00-Noon

Accepts: newspaper, mixed paper, paper board, cardboard, aluminum, tin, glass containers, plastic bottles + containers

Hillsboro High School

3812 Hillsboro Pk

(Drop-off is located behind the school on Hillmont Dr)

Nashville, TN 37215

Open Mon-Sat 9:00-5:00 and Sunday 12:00-5:00

Accepts: newspaper, mixed paper, paper board, cardboard, aluminum, tin, glass containers, plastic bottles + containers

Joelton Middle School

3500 Old Clarkesville Hwy

Joelton, TN 37080

Open 24 Hours

Accepts: newspaper, mixed paper, paper board, cardboard, aluminum, tin, glass containers, plastic bottles + containers

McGavock High School

3150 McGavock Pk

(Drop-off is located behind the school next to Two Rivers Park)

Nashville, TN 37214

Open 24 Hours

Accepts: newspaper, mixed paper, paper board, cardboard, aluminum, tin, glass containers, plastic bottles + containers

Northwest Family YMCA

3700 Ashland City Hwy

(Drop-off is located next to the YMCA with access from John Mallette Dr)

Nashville, TN 37218

Open 24 Hrs

Accepts: newspaper, mixed paper, paper board, cardboard, aluminum, tin, glass containers, plastic bottles + containers

Rivergate Recycling

630 Myatt Dr

Madison, TN 37115

Open Mon-Fri 7:00-5:00

Accepts: newspaper, mixed paper, paper board, cardboard, aluminum, tin, glass containers, plastic bottles + containers

Tennessee State University

38th Ave + Albion St

Nashville, TN 37209

Open Sun-Sat 6:00am-7:00pm

Accepts: newspaper, mixed paper, paper board, cardboard, aluminum, tin, glass containers, plastic bottles + containers

Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market

5531 Edmondson Pk

Nashville, TN 37211

Open 24 Hours

Accepts: newspaper, mixed paper, paper board, cardboard, aluminum, tin, glass containers, plastic bottles + containers

Driving

Car Title and Registration

http://www.dcclerkonline.com/motor_renewal.php

If you plan to establish Tennessee residence, you need to have your car titled and registered in TN. Nashville residents are usually required to purchase a "Metro Sticker" for their car, valid for one year (but the price of this is included in the initial cost or renewal). You can renew your registration and sticker at various satellite locations. A Metro Sticker costs \$55 and registration is \$24.

Main Office

523 Mainstream Drive in the Riverview Business Center II at Metro Center

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Hermitage Police Precinct

3701 James Kay Lane

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (M-F)

(near corner of Central Pk. and Dodson's Chapel Rd.)

South Police Precinct

5101 Harding Place (front entrance)

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (M-F)

Green Hills Grace's Plaza

4005 South Hillsboro Pike, Suite 205-B

entrance at south end of building (elevator to second floor)

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (M-F)

Old Madison Library

501 Heritage Drive(corner of Old Hickory Blvd. and Heritage Drive)

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (M-F)

Emissions Testing

Before you can get a Tennessee license plate, you must take your car for emissions testing. You must pay in cash (approximately \$9) and do not forget to bring your title. Call 1-866-623-8378 or visit their website at www.nashvillevip.org for the emissions testing station nearest you.

Nashville Stations

3494 Dickerson Pike

3363 Stoner Bend Dr

7008 Westbelt Dr

501 Craighead St

715 Gallatin Pike North, Madison

The above stations are open:

7:00 am-6:00 pm Monday and Tuesday

7:00 am-5:00 pm Wednesday- Friday

Antioch Station

1317 Antioch Pike

The above station is open:

7:00 am-7:00 pm Monday - Friday

9:00 am-1:00 pm on Saturday

Driver's License

Tennessee Department of Safety

1150 Foster Ave
615-251-5166
www.state.tn.us/safety
Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00am - 4:30pm; 24-hour line (615-741-3954)

New residents or those returning to Tennessee and holding a driver license from another state must obtain a Tennessee driver license no later than thirty (30) days after establishing residency. Please check the website for documents you will need to bring with you.

Testing Centers

Full service:

Davidson

Nashville/Hart Lane Driver Testing Station - (615) 532-9780 M-F 8-4:30
Nashville/Centennial Blvd Driver Testing Station - (615) 741-4560 M-F 8-4:30

Williamson

Franklin Driver Testing Station - Full Service (615) 790-5515 T-F 7-5:30

Rutherford

Murfreesboro Driver Testing Station - Full Service (615) 898-8036 T-F 7-5:30
Lavergne Driver Testing Station - Full Service (615) 793-3941 M-TR 7-5:30

Express Service Centers

Nashville/Murfreesboro Rd - (615) 741-2541 M-F 8-4:30
Nashville/Downtown - (615) 253-2062 M-F 8:30-2:30

Traffic Laws

Do not drink and drive. Turning right at a red light is OK at most intersections unless marked otherwise. Everyone in your car must wear a seatbelt: "Click It or Ticket!" Cops are generally out more at night and weekends.

Voter Registration

<http://www.state.tn.us/sos/election/registration.htm>

You must register at least 30 days before the election and have proof of age and 20-days residence. If you want to vote in your home district, consult your local Board of Election Commissioners to obtain an absentee ballot. This usually requires advance planning. Voter registration can be considered evidence of Tennessee residence.

You can download a registration form online and mail it in, or register to vote at:

County Clerks Office
County Election Commission Office
Department of Health (WIC program)
Department of Human Services
Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
Department of Safety (Motor Vehicles Division)
Department of Veteran's Affairs
Public Libraries
Register of Deeds Office

Davidson County Election Commission Office
800 Second Avenue South
Metro Office Building First Floor
615-862-8800

Driving in Nashville

Newcomers to Nashville must know that the roads are not set on a grid, often the street names change without warning, and make very little sense.

Streets forming a ring around the city:

Woodmont Blvd is one section of a loop which includes the names White Bridge Road, Briley Parkway, and Thompson Lane. Basic cut-offs for these names are Harding Road to Franklin Road (Woodmont), Franklin Road to I- 24 East (Thompson Lane), I-24 East to I-40 West (Briley Parkway) and I-40 West to Harding Road (White Bridge Road). The common name for all roads in the loop is HWY 155.

Old Hickory Blvd forms the outer ring of the city, but the street itself is not continuous. It can be found circling much of the perimeter of Davidson County. If you get an address of something on Old Hickory Boulevard, find out where it is before you leave home, because the place you are looking for could be anywhere from Madison to Antioch to Bellevue.

Harding Place (not to be confused with Harding Road) is also a source of confusion for many in Nashville, residents and visitors alike. Beginning at Harding Road in Belle Meade, Harding Place runs through Belle Meade and Forrest Hills. Between Granny White Pike and Franklin Road, Harding Place is called Battery Lane because the city of Oak Hill would not change the name to Harding Place. From Franklin Road to across I-24 East, it is again called Harding Place. Near the Women's Prison, Harding Place makes a 90° turn to become Donelson Pike, which runs past the airport and finally dead ends at Lebanon Road in Donelson.

Important Roads Linking You to Vandy:

West End Ave runs by Vanderbilt University and is a main street in Nashville. It begins as Broadway at the Cumberland River downtown, and splits near 17th Avenue into Broadway (which becomes 21st Avenue) and West End. West End runs out of town to the West and changes names in front of Montgomery Bell Academy as it crosses the Richland Creek Bridge (which was the old city limit when the road was named). The new name is Harding Road (not to be confused with Harding Place. West of Belle Meade, Harding Road splits into US 70S which goes to Bellevue, and State Hwy 100 which goes to Centerville, TN.

21st Ave is another road often used by students. After traveling south from Downtown Nashville, Broadway changes into 21st Avenue. 21st runs in front of Vanderbilt Divinity School past the hospital, through Hillsboro Village and changes names to Hillsboro Pike at I-440. Hillsboro Pike runs south through Green Hills where it eventually becomes Hillsboro Rd and ends in Franklin, TN.

General Driving Tips

Shortcuts

Taking 21st Avenue, especially from the Green Hills area, will generally take a little longer than other local roads during morning and afternoon traffic.

Suggested shortcuts (depending on your location): Belmont Ave., Natchez Trace, Acklen Ave., and 24th Ave.

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