



## GETTING AROUND: DRIVING

### DRIVER'S LICENSE

Whether you've just turned 16 or you're moving to the Lincoln Park community from another state, a valid driver's license is required to drive in the neighborhood. For those drivers moving to Illinois, the driver's license from your current state or country will remain valid for a period of 90 days. After this period, you will need to provide acceptable identification to prove your name, date of birth, Illinois residency, Social Security number and signature. In addition, you will also have to successfully complete a vision screening, written examination, a potential driving examination and pay the appropriate fee. Your new driver's license will be valid for four years.

The Illinois Secretary of State's office will inform current Lincoln Park residents by mail approximately 60 to 90 days prior to the expiration of your driver's license. The letter will inform you of any tests that may be required for your license renewal (vision screening is required each time you renew at a Secretary of State facility), the steps necessary to stay current as well as the applicable fees.

Please note: You are required by law to inform the Illinois Secretary of State's office of any changes of address.

### TITLE, REGISTRATION AND LICENSE PLATES

In Illinois, new residents have 30 days to apply for a title, registration and license plates after establishing residency in the state, provided your vehicle is properly registered in another jurisdiction. Information and instructions for obtaining and submitting the necessary application form are

available at any Secretary of State facility or by calling the Secretary of State's office directly at (800) 252-8980.

If you recently purchased your vehicle, or have not titled or registered the vehicle in another state, you will also be required to fill out the appropriate tax forms. This form must be presented with a tax payment made out to the Illinois Department of Revenue at the time you apply for your title and registration. Information on your required tax payment is available by contacting the Illinois Department of Revenue at (800) 732-8866.

All vehicle owners in Lincoln Park and throughout Illinois are responsible for maintaining valid registration. The Secretary of State's office will mail you a registration renewal application prior to your registration expiration date. If you do not receive a renewal application form, contact the Illinois Secretary of State's office.

Vehicles are required to have license plates on both the front and rear of the vehicle and license plate frames or protective covers should not cover any of the information housed on the plates. If you sell your vehicle, your license plates should be removed and kept in a safe location.

### MANDATORY INSURANCE

Vehicle insurance in Illinois is mandatory. Illinois state law requires all motor vehicles registered and operated in the state to be covered by liability insurance, which covers property damage and/or injuries that you may cause to others in an accident. Information on the minimum amount of liability insurance required by the State of Illinois is available at [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) or the Secretary of State's office.

Please note: The minimum liability coverage is only the beginning of a comprehensive auto insurance policy and may not cover all costs associated with a serious accident.

### VEHICLE EMISSIONS TEST

Under Illinois law, vehicles registered in certain parts of the state (including all of Cook County) must undergo a vehicle emissions test every year, after the vehicle is more than four years old. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) will contact you with information on testing facilities in your area and the timeline required for testing. Under this law, failure to test your vehicle in the allotted timeframe will result in the suspension of your driving privileges.

*For more information, including details on applicable fees and required documentation, contact the Illinois Secretary of State's office directly or visit their website.*

Sources: [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com), [www.epa.state.il.us/air/vim](http://www.epa.state.il.us/air/vim)

#### DRIVING: SELECT CONTACT INFORMATION

ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE: (800) 252-8980  
100 W. Randolph (Concourse Level), Chicago, IL 60601  
(312) 793-1010 (Chicago facility information line)  
[www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com)

#### SATELLITE OFFICES:

5401 N. Elston, Chicago, IL 60630  
9901 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Chicago, IL 60628  
5301 W. Lexington, Chicago, IL 60644

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE: (312) 814-5232  
100 W. Randolph (Concourse Level), Chicago, IL 60601  
[www.revenue.state.il.us](http://www.revenue.state.il.us)

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION AGENCY: (217) 782-3397  
1021 N. Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276  
Springfield, IL 62794  
[www.epa.state.il.us](http://www.epa.state.il.us)

*For more information about the services offered at these facilities and other Illinois Secretary of State facilities, visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com).*

# GETTING AROUND: PARKING

## CITY VEHICLE STICKERS

If you live in the City of Chicago and own a vehicle, city law requires you to purchase the annual Chicago vehicle sticker and display it on the lower right-hand side of your windshield.

If you are a new resident of Chicago, or a new vehicle owner, you have 30 days following the purchase of your vehicle or move to the city to buy a Chicago vehicle sticker without incurring a late fee. This transaction must be made in person and you are required to present your property bill of sale or valid lease to prove your move date or your vehicle bill of sale or title to prove vehicle purchase date.

City of Chicago vehicles stickers are available at the City Clerk of Chicago's office in City Hall (121 N. LaSalle, Room 107), as well as at one of the City Clerk's satellite offices, City of Chicago Department of Revenue Substations and many Currency Exchanges throughout Chicago. Please note: Currency Exchanges will include a service fee in addition to the cost of the city vehicle sticker.

City stickers currently expire each year on June 30 and the annual renewal period is June 1 through July 16. City vehicle stickers purchased after this time will be subject to a late fee, except for the situations listed previously (move to city, purchase of vehicle). Your Chicago vehicle sticker renewal can be done in-person, online or through the mail after you receive notification of the renewal period. For most residents, the annual fee is \$75 for passenger vehicles. Complete

pricing information is available online at [www.chicityclerk.com](http://www.chicityclerk.com).

## RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS

Chicago residential parking permits limit parking on many city streets to residents and their guests during designated hours. This program was created to ensure that residents living in high density population centers will always have fair access to parking near their homes. Cars parked in permit areas without the appropriate neighborhood sticker will be subject to parking tickets. The parking restrictions often differ block by block; be sure to look for street signs for the specific details about parking in your neighborhood.

In addition to the Chicago vehicle sticker, residents living in a residential parking permit zone must secure an annual resident parking permit from the City Clerk of Chicago's office in City Hall, or one of their satellite offices. The current fee for a residential parking permit is \$25 and all residential permits expire on June 30 of each year. Residential parking permits must be displayed on your vehicle's windshield.

To apply for a residential parking permit, a receipt of your Chicago vehicle sticker purchase and proof of residency (e.g., Illinois driver's license with current address, copy of current lease or mortgage, current utility bill or voter's registration card) is required.

You can obtain an application for a residential parking permit on the City Clerk of Chicago's website, or by calling the Residential Permit Parking Division of the City Clerk's office at (312) 744-7848 or (312) 744-5346.

## VISITOR PARKING PERMITS

Residents are responsible for ensuring that their guests are provided with parking permits as required by their residential parking zone. Your guest will receive a parking ticket if a current visitor parking permit is not properly displayed on the passenger side windshield of his or her vehicle.

One-day (24 hour) visitor parking permits are available to residents in packs of 15 for \$8 at the City Clerk of Chicago's office in City Hall or one of the City Clerk's satellite facilities. Your alderman's office also has visitor parking permits for sale.

*For more information, including details on applicable fees, required documentation, residential parking permit zones and more, contact the City Clerk of Chicago's office directly or visit their website.*

Sources: [www.chicityclerk.com](http://www.chicityclerk.com), [www.cityofchicago.org](http://www.cityofchicago.org)

### PARKING: SELECT CONTACT INFORMATION

CITY CLERK OF CHICAGO: (312) 742-5375  
City Hall  
121 N. LaSalle, Room 107, Chicago, IL 60602  
(312) 744-6774 (Residential Permit Parking Division)  
[www.chicityclerk.com](http://www.chicityclerk.com)

ALDERMAN SCOTT WAGUESPACK  
(32nd Ward): (773) 248-1330  
2657 N. Clybourn, Chicago, IL 60614  
[www.cityofchicago.org/32ward](http://www.cityofchicago.org/32ward)

ALDERMAN Vi DALEY  
(43rd Ward): (773) 327-9111  
735 W. Wrightwood, Chicago, IL 60614  
[www.chicago43rd.org](http://www.chicago43rd.org)





## GETTING AROUND:

# PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

### CTA: AN OVERVIEW

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) is responsible for maintenance and operations for the nation's second largest public transportation system. The CTA provides bus and train service to Chicago and 40 surrounding suburbs. On an average weekday, 1.6 million rides are taken on the CTA's transit system.

The CTA's train system – commonly referred to as the “L”, short for “elevated train” – consists of seven routes separated by color. Signs on each car display the color and final destination, such as “Loop” or “O’Hare” or “Howard.”

Lincoln Park is served by three lines: the Brown Line, which offers service between the Loop and Kimball; the Red Line, which runs between Howard and 95th/Dan Ryan; and the Purple Line Express which offers service between Linden and the Loop during rush hour periods, Monday through Friday.

### TRANSIT CARDS

Transit cards, best used for one-time or casual CTA users, are available for purchase at vending machines located at all CTA train stations. Value can always be added to transit cards and passengers riding buses should have exact change ready to pay the fare, if paying cash. Transit cards expire one year after the first activation.

### CHICAGO CARD AND CHICAGO CARD PLUS

The Chicago Card and Chicago Card Plus are accepted for full-fare payment on all CTA train and bus routes, as well as many Pace buses. Both the Chicago Card and Chicago Card Plus offer quicker

boarding for users and other potential benefits.

Chicago Card uses a stored-value system that allows fare value to be added to a card by inserting cash into any CTA vending machine. The Chicago Card Plus allows users to manage their accounts online with a credit card only. With the Chicago Card Plus, CTA riders are able to select either pay-per-use or unlimited monthly use rates.

The Chicago Card Plus, thanks to a partnership between the CTA and I-Go Car Sharing, can now be used with one of the 200 cars I-Go maintains in 30 Chicago neighborhoods. Existing Chicago Card Plus members can access the benefits by starting a new I-Go membership. More information is available by calling I-Go at (773) 278-4446.

### PASSES

Unlimited ride passes are also available for visitors. You can enjoy unlimited rides on all CTA buses and trains with their 1-Day Fun Pass, or 3-day, 7-day or 30-day unlimited-ride passes. Your pass activates the first time you use it and is good for the number of consecutive days shown on the front of the pass. CTA's unlimited-ride passes make getting to Chicago's top attractions quick, easy and more affordable than cab rides or parking fees.

*For more information on the CTA, including exact fare schedules, routes and service changes, contact the CTA directly or visit their website.*

### CHICAGO'S GRID SYSTEM

Chicago is an easy city to navigate since it was built on a grid system. The grid's “center” can be found in the Loop at the intersection of State (which

runs north/south) and Madison (which runs east/west).

All of the north/south streets in Chicago are numbered. The addresses increase by 100 for each block east or west of State (except for downtown, where streets do not always correspond to a full block). Similarly, all east/west streets in Chicago increase by 100 for each block north or south of Madison. As an example, Racine – which cuts through Lincoln Park and runs north/south – is 12 blocks west of State, so its “address” is 1200 West. There are eight blocks in a mile on Chicago's grid system, so we can determine that Racine at 1200 West is one and a half miles west of State.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: SELECT CONTACT INFORMATION

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY (CTA): (888) YOUR-CTA

[www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com)

[www.chicago-card.com](http://www.chicago-card.com)

[www.ctabustracker.com](http://www.ctabustracker.com)

METRA COMMUTER RAIL SYSTEM: (312) 322-6777

[www.metrarail.com](http://www.metrarail.com)

PACE SUBURBAN BUS SYSTEM: (847) 364-7223

[www.pacebus.com](http://www.pacebus.com)

CHICAGO AIRPORT SYSTEM: (880) 832-6352

[www.flychicago.com](http://www.flychicago.com)

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: (312) 744-3600

[www.cityofchicago.org/transportation](http://www.cityofchicago.org/transportation)

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY: (312) 836-7000

[www.rtachicago.com](http://www.rtachicago.com)

*Source: Transportation organization websites (listed above)*