

MOVING TO ROWAN



Finding the perfect place to live

Rowan County has it all — spacious farms, historic homes with plenty of charm, new neighborhoods with all the amenities.

Your Chamber Business Directory lists local real estate agencies who will be happy to assist you in finding your dream home.

For now, here are a few simple trips you can make by car or on foot to start learning about Rowan's communities.

Farms and fields

... abound in and around Rockwell and Cleveland as well as to the north near the Woodleaf community.

Try this excursion: from Salisbury, take Statesville Boulevard (U.S. 70) west toward Cleveland. Turn left onto Barber Junction Road and go south to Sherrill's Ford Road. Turn left there to head back toward Salisbury.

This loop takes you in the direction of some of Rowan's prime farm country.

History is alive

... in Salisbury's downtown historic district. Homes from the 19th and early 20th centuries, many with a story to tell, line the streets within a block or two of the city center.

From the intersection of Main and Innes, take West Innes Street past the Rowan County offices. Go three blocks, then turn left onto South Ellis Street. Make your way down this street, then turn left on West Monroe Street. At the next block, turn left onto South Fulton Street to make your way back to Innes Street.

These streets close to Main Street feature historic homes as well as more recent houses with character.

Find your hometown

Most of Rowan's smaller municipalities retain a small-town character — local businesses, close-knit neighborhoods and plenty of smiling faces. Most of what you've heard about "Southern hospitality" is true, and you can expect to get smiles and waves as you introduce yourself to the locals.

Every town has something different to offer, as well as a blend of old and new homes and neighborhoods. Pick a corner of the Rowan County map and go exploring. You just might find your new friends and neighbors waiting for you there.

Enjoy city lights

Several buildings on Main Street and within one or two blocks of it have been refurbished with apartments or lofts on their upper floors, perfect for those who want to be a short walk from everything. Some newer buildings also feature condos for sale.

There's no need to drive to see the possibilities — just find a convenient parking spot and take a walk down South Main Street from the center of town.

- Be sure your mail follows you. Remember to put in a forwarding request at your local Post Office before you move.
- Contact your local utility providers to set up electricity, gas, water/sewer and telephone service as needed.
- Once you're settled, change your driver's license (if needed) and register your vehicles. New residents must obtain a North Carolina license and register their vehicles within 30 days. The office is located at 126 E. Kerr St., Salisbury, NC 704-633-5312.

A safety and emissions inspection is also required to obtain vehicle registration.

The Motor Vehicles office is located at 5780 S. Main St. (US 29), 28144. Operating hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- *Register to vote!* Contact the Rowan County Board of Elections at 704-216-8140.
- Are there school-age children in your family? See p.39 for information on school registration.

GETTING AROUND

AMTRAK	800-USARAIL
Carolina Trailways	919-833-3601
DNA Transport (Airport Service)	704-279-8190
Rowan County Airport	704-633-5021
Rowan Express Transit	704-216-8888
Safety Taxi	704-633-7217
Salisbury Transit	704-638-5252