# Relocation Guide For HAINES



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## Welcome To Haines, Alaska

A picturesque town nestled between North America's deepest fjord and the stunning Chilkat Range. Whether you're visiting for a summer adventure or considering relocating, Haines offers a wide range of natural, outdoor, and sports activities, as well as cultural, entertainment, and dining options. Here are some key aspects of this charming Alaskan community:

**Geographic Location:** Haines is located in Southeast Alaska, 85 air miles north of the state's capital city, Juneau. It's approximately 600 air miles southeast of Anchorage and Fairbanks. The town is also connected to the interior of Alaska and the continental United States through the Alaska Canada (Alcan) Highway, making it one of only three communities in Southeast Alaska with road access to the lower 48 states.

**Community Vibe:** Haines is known for its down-to-earth, friendly atmosphere. The town hosts various events that are filled with music and laughter, and the local restaurants offer enticing cuisine. The rich diversity of the community is reflected in its local museums and galleries.

**Climate:** Haines enjoys a relatively mild climate for Alaska. Summers typically see temperatures ranging from 50 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit, while winters range from 10 to 35 degrees Fahrenheit. Annual precipitation averages around 52 inches, and annual snowfall reaches 133 inches.

**Population:** The population of Haines is around 2,400 residents.

**Employment:** Haines has a seasonal economy, with many jobs tied to tourism, fishing, and construction. The local government provides employment opportunities for a significant portion of the population through the borough and school system.



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## **Alaska Quick Facts**

The name Alaska is derived from the Aleut word "Aleyska" meaning "great land".

**State Nick Name**: "The Last Frontier". **State Motto**: "North to the Future".

**State Sport**: Dog Mushing **State Bird**: Willow Ptarmigan

State Flower: Alpine Forget-me-not

State Insect: Four-spot Skimmer Dragonfly

**State Tree**: Sitka Spruce **State Gemstone**: Jade

**State Capital**: Juneau Population = 31,973 (2021 population estimate, US Census) **Largest Cities**: Anchorage Population = 288,121 (2021 population estimate, US Census)

Fairbanks Population = 95,593 (2021 population estimate, US Census)

## Getting Here By Air

Haines is served by a commuter airlines that provides multiple daily flights. Flight time between Haines and Juneau is approximately 30 minutes. Flights are weather-dependent and may be delayed or cancelled if visibility is poor. **Alaska Seaplanes** 907-766-3800 or 907-789-3331 www.flyalaskaseaplanes.com



## By Sea

Alaska Fjordlines www.alaskafjordlines.com

A 65', 48 passenger, high speed catamaran. Travel time between Juneau & Haines is approximately 2.5 hours. Operates Summers only.

Alaska Marine Highway System. www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs

The State run ferry has regular runs between Juneau and Haines and weekly runs between Bellingham, Washington and Haines with many stops in between. The ferry can transport vehicles. Staterooms and food service are available on most ferries. Tent camping is allowed on the solarium. Travel time between Juneau & Haines is approximately 4.5 hours for most ferries. Operates year-round.

Haines Skagway Fast Ferry www.hainesskagwayfastferry.com

Operating passenger only ferries between Haines & Skagway, May – September.

Captain your vessel to Haines www.hainesalaska.gov

The harbor is dredged out to a -15 in all areas that larger vessels would tie. Harbor is able to accommodate any vessel from a 10'skiff to a 100' vessel. Transient side-tie space is used in the harbor for larger vessels but everyone is encouraged to call ahead to check space availability. 30 amp power is accessible throughout the harbor will 50 amp in designated locations. Potable water is available during the summer months. Fuel dock carries diesel and gasoline. Harbor staff can be contacted for all the listed services on VHF Ch 12 & 16 during operating hours, cell phone at any time 907-314-0173.

Alaska Fjordlines (summer only) 800-320-0146 www.alaskafjordlines.com
Alaska Marine Highway (year-round) 1800-642-0066 www.dot.alaska.gov/amhs
Haines Skagway Fast Ferry (summer only) 888-766-2103 www.hainesskagwayfastferry.com
Captain your vessel (Haines Harbormaster) 907-766-6450 www.hainesalaska.gov/ports

## Getting Here By Land

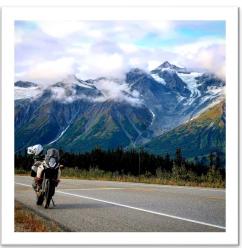
One of 3 communities in Southeast Alaska with road access to the lower 48 states. Haines is 85 air miles north the capital city of Juneau and about 600 air miles southeast of Anchorage and Fairbanks. It is connected by road to the interior of Alaska and the continental United States by the Alaska Canada (Alcan) Highway, you will cross the US/ Canadian border. In order to cross the border,

#### you must have one of the following:

Passport or US Passport card,

Trusted Traveler card (NEXUS, FAST, SENTRI or Global Entry)

Enhanced Driver's License



US citizens ages 15 and under arriving by land may present an original birth certificate or copy of his or her birth certificate (issued by the Vital Records Department in the state where he or she was born). If both parents are not traveling with the child, it is recommended that you carry a consent letter from the parent not present at the border crossing. It should include the parent's or legal guardian's full name, address and phone number. Some travelers choose to have the consent letter notarized.

Dogs, cats and other animals need to have a current rabies certificate. Birds need a special permit.

There are restrictions on foods and other items you can bring across the border.

For up to date information, contact Customs directly or visit their website:

**US Customs**, **Haines** 907-767-5511 Open 7am-11pm AK time www.cbp.gov **Canada Customs** 907-767-5540 Open 8am-12am Yukon time www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca

#### Information on current road conditions

Alaska 511: http://511.alaska.gov/alaska511/mappingcomponent/index

Canada 511: http://www.511yukon.ca/en/

## Getting Around Car Rentals

As of 2022, there are 4 companies renting vehicles in Haines.

**Avis Rent-A-Car:** (907) 766-2000

Captain's Choice Car Rentals: (907) 766-3111 Lynn View Lodge Car Rentals: (907) 766-3713

#### **Bikes**

One of the most efficient ways to get around in Haines is by bicycle, which can be rented or purchased locally.

**Kat and Koot Inc** (907)-766-3395

Mike's Bikes & Boards (907) 766-3232 Sockeye Cycle Co. (907) 766-2869

#### **Local Government & Taxation**

The consolidation of the City of Haines and the Haines Borough in 2002 was a significant step in the local government structure of the region. This action created the Home Rule Haines Borough, which unified the formerly separate entities into a single municipal government. The primary goals of this consolidation were to streamline governance, enhance planning and zoning capabilities, and promote the overall quality of life for residents in the Haines community.

#### Taxes

Haines Borough (www.hainesalaska.gov)

Sales Tax: 5.5%

Property Tax: 7.00 - 10.91 mils

Lodging Tax: 4%

P.O. Box 1209 Haines, AK 99827 907-766-6400

## Housing

Finding housing in Haines, particularly during the tourism season from April to October, can indeed be a significant challenge due to the seasonal nature of the town's economy, rentals range from \$900 to \$1,400 per month. Overall, persistence, early planning, and networking are key when searching for housing in, especially during the peak tourism season. By using online resources, social media, and actively seeking out available options, you can improve your chances of finding suitable accommodation.

Haines Facebook Groups Community Notice Boards

U.S. Post Office

KHNS Listener Personal: www.khns.org/listener-submissions

Haines Alaska Community Website: www.hainesak.com/classified

Property is always on the market, from lots to developed land. Townsite lots cost between \$30,000-\$60,000 and view lots \$50,000 to \$250,000. Acreage outside of the townsite area varies from depending on location, view, topography and utilities.

## **Real Estate Companies**

Coldwell Banker Race Realty

www.coldwellbanker.com/for-sale-homes/Haines-AK-14230c glendalynngilbert@yahoo.com

**Haines Real Estate** 

www.hainesrealestate.com / hainesrealestate@gmail.com

## **Banking**

First National Bank of Alaska

https://www.fnbalaska.com/907-766-6100 ATM

**Tongass Federal Credit Union** 

https://www.tongassfcu.com / 907-766-3210 or 1800-860-3928 ATM

## Cost of Living as of 2023

Average Lunch: \$10.00 - \$15.00 (not including tip & tax)

Cable TV: Haines Cable TV \$59 & up/Month www.hainescable.com (907) 766-2337

Electricity: Alaska Power & Telephone www.aptalaska.com (909) 766-6500

Residential: \$0.1473 Per KWH

Business: \$0.1150 Per KWH + \$15.00 flat rate customer charge

Broadband internet \$69.95+

Fuel & Home Heating Oil: **Delta Western** (907) 766-3190

Propane: **Haines Propane** (907) 766-3191 Grocery: Allow \$300.00 per month/per adult

Haircut: \$25-\$40

Medical Clinic Office Call: **SEARHC** \$110.00 - \$130.00 www.searhc.org/community/haines/

Telephone: Alaska Power & Telephone \$30.00/Mo. Base Residential Rate

www.aptalaska.com

Trash Collection: Community Waste Solutions \$51.00/Mo. Base (907) 766-2736

Residential Rate (2 cans) www.communitywastesolutions.com

Water/Sewer: Haines Borough \$99.50/Month Residential Rate www.hainesalaska.gov

#### **Utilities**

Alaska Power/Telephone & WIFI: www.aptalaska.com (907) 766-6500

Starlink: setup fees \$600, \$100/month www.starlink.com

Heating Fuel Delta Western: (907) 766-3190

Haines Propane Inc: (907) 766-3191

Water & Sewer (Haines Borough): (907) 766-6400

**Public Phones** 

Haines no longer has public phones. If you purchase a phone card, the library and visitor center have a courtesy phone available during regular business hours.

Haines Friends of Recycling 2.5 mile Small Tracts Road http://hainesrecycle.org/

Garbage (907) 766-2736 http://communitywastesolutions.com/

Residential garbage pick-up and other services provided.

Haines Borough Public Library: (907) 766-6420

The only free internet in town. Available year round.

## **Local Necessities**

Most goods arrive in Haines around Tuesday via the weekly Alaska Marine Lines barge from Seattle. This means the largest variety of grocery items will be available late afternoon on Tuesday or Wednesday. Due to the additional shipping costs, food prices may be higher than you are accustomed to in other areas.

## **Groceries**

**Haines Quick Shop:** (907) 766-2330

Howsers IGA Supermarket: (907) 766-2441 Mountain Market & Café: (907) 766-3340 Olerud's Market Center: (907) 766-2441

## Clothing

We are a year-round community and our shops try to carry your clothing needs.

Alaska Backcountry Outfitter: 907-766-2876

Alaska Rod's: 907-766-2352 Alaska Sport Shop: 907-766-2441 Caroline's Closet: 907-766-3223

La Loft Clothing and Accessories: 907-766-3122

Olerud's Market Center: 907-766-2441 Outfitter Sporting Goods: 907-766-3221

Salvation Army: 907-766-2470 Shyine Designs: 907-314-0890 Talia's Treasures: 3rd and Main St.

#### Services

Haines Home Bldg. True Value – 766-2595 carries household items Lutak Lumber – 766-2700 carries household items Miles Furniture – 766-2855 carries household items Many regional stores will ship to Haines.

## **Laundry and Shower Services**

**Moose Horn Laundry**: 1 mile on the Haines Highway going north The nearest dry cleaners are located in Juneau or Whitehorse.

## **Dining**

Haines is home to a wide variety of quality restaurants. Many restaurants post their menus in their windows and list specials on their Facebook pages. Most will prepare to go orders. There is a book of menus from all the restaurants at the Visitor Center, so you can check out their offerings all at once!

33 Mile Roadhouse Café 907-767-5510 American Menu Alpenglow Restaurant 907-766-3312 American Menu Bamboo Room Restaurant 907-766-2800 American Menu Camino 206-313-1829 American Food Truck Menu Chilkat Restaurant & Bakery 907-766-3653 American/Thai Menu Fireweed 907-766-3838 American Menu Fogcutter Bar 907-766-2555 Bar Menu Lighthouse Restaurant 907-766-2442 American Menu Mountain Market & Café 907-766-3340 Deli & Market Old Field Kitchen 907-766-3410 American Menu The Rusty Compass Coffeehouse 907-766-2770 American Menu

## **Locally Grown**

Sunnyside Farms (907) 766-3538 Whiterock Nursery: (907) 766-3887 Four Winds Farm: (907) 767-5515

Grow your own

Community Garden at the Fairgrounds: (907) 766-2476 Plots available in spring.

## **Pubs/Spirits**

Alaska Liquor Store - 766-3131
Haines Quick Shop - 766-2330
Haines Brewing Company - 766-3823
Fort Seward Saloon - text only 208-446-2849
Mountain Spirits - 766-3350
Pioneer Bar - 766-3443
Port Chilkoot Distillery - 907-917-2102
Fogcutter Bar - 766-2555
Harbor Bar - 766-2444

### **Education**

#### **Haines Head Start** (907)766-2155

Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.(RACAP) manages over 20 Head Start/Early Head Start Centers serving low-income children.

## Chilkat Valley Preschool (907)766-3213

Chilkat Valley Preschool is an Alaska State Certified early childhood education facility dedicated to the fullest development of the whole child.

## **Haines Borough School District**

The Haines Borough School District is www.hbsd.net/ (907)766-6700 There is an elementary, middle school and high school. Average class size is 20 to 25 students.

In addition to the classroom teachers, there are certified staff members in special education, physical education, vocal and instrumental music, art, vocational education and computers. Haines High School students consistently score above the national average on standardized tests. A high percentage of graduates pursue some form of higher education and approximately 1% or less drop out of school. The High School building includes the main classroom building, vocational shops, gymnasium and swimming pool. Outdoor facilities include a track and field. The school facilities are also used for many community activities, adult education classes, sports and recreation.

#### Healthcare

#### **Emergency Response**

**911 - EMT - Haines Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD)**: www.hainesalaska.gov/fire Providing emergency responses to fire, medical, hazardous materials & wilderness search & rescue incidents. Consisting of full time employees and volunteers.

#### **Providers**

#### Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC): www.searhc.org/

Located on 1st and Willard St. SEARHC, a private non-profit corporation, offers both primary care and emergency services with a full medical staff. Also a pharmacy, behavioral health and dentistry. **Visiting Providers**: include: Occupational therapy, Optometry, Mobile Mammography.

**Body IQ Physical Therapy:** facebook / No doctor's referral required.

Chilkat Valley Acupuncture: Oriental Medicine Acupuncture & Care 907-766-3335

Klondike Chiropractic: facebook.com / Chiropractic, massage and acupuncture care 907

-766-3555

#### Home Health Care Provider

Cornerstone Home Care: Soboleff-McRae Veteran's building #123

**Hospice Care:** Soboleff-McRae Veteran's building #139

There are pharmacies in Juneau who will ship to Haines if your physician calls in your prescription. The clinic can provide you with an information sheet on how to arrange for prescriptions to be shipped to you in Haines.

#### Over the Counter Medications

Simple first aid items, non-prescription medications & herbal supplements are available at our local grocery stores.

#### Medical Financial Aids & Services

As we all know, getting to and receiving medical care can be expensive. Fortunately, Haines has some resources to assist you in reducing your medical costs.

**SEARHC Sliding Scale:** www.dahlclinic.org/sliding-fee-scale

The DMC serves all patients regardless of ability to pay. Information and application forms are available on their website.

#### Medevac Insurance

If you require immediate medical assistance beyond what is offered locally, you will be transported via air medical transport to Juneau, Anchorage or Seattle. The location depends on the medical condition and availability of services. With the exception of heart issues or head traumas, Bartlett Hospital in Juneau can handle most medical conditions. Emergency air medical transportation is expensive, fortunately, the emergency medical air lift companies which service Haines offer annual memberships which greatly reduce the costs. Unfortunately, you cannot guarantee which one will be available at the time you may need assistance, so it is wise to purchase memberships to both if you want be certain you are covered.

Guardian Flight 866-929-0450 or Airlift Northwest 800-426-2430

#### Healthcare Cont.

#### Pregnancy

Being pregnant in Haines provides some unique challenges. If you have insurance, double check your plan to see what will and won't be covered for travel, out of area and out of state providers. If you don't have insurance, the State of Alaska offers assistance for families who meet income guidelines. Information on **DeneliCare** and **Denali KidCare** can be accessed through the Division of Health Care Services for the State of Alaska website www.dhss.alaska.gov., where applications are available.

All prenatal checkups, testing and even ultrasounds can be done locally. As there is not a hospital in Haines, you have to go elsewhere for labor & delivery.

Caregivers recommend leaving Haines to be closer to the facility you have chosen for your delivery 3 weeks before your due date and suggest you stay in town at least a week after the baby is born in case of complications. You have the option of staying in a hotel/motel, vacation rental or with friends or family during this time. Some insurance policies will cover travel and lodging in this situation, some don't. Plan ahead as this can be one of the costliest parts of your delivery. For families wanting to deliver in Alaska the most common option is Juneau Family Health and Birth Center: www.juneaubirthcenter.org 907-586-1203 Bartlett Regional Hospital: www.bartletthospital.org 907-796-8900.

Bartlett is the closest hospital with labor and delivery services. They do not have a neonatal intensive care unit. If you are having a high-risk pregnancy or want the security of a NICU, you will want to go elsewhere.

### **Elder Services**

**Haines Senior Center:** 907-766-2383 33 Mission St., Lunches for 60 and over 4-5 days a week, Care-a-van door to door ADA lift accessible transportation, home delivered meals and other activities available at center.

**St. Lucy's Assisted Living Campus:** 219 Union St. www.hainesassistedliving.org/home 907-766-3616

Veterans Village: www.hainesassistedliving.org/soboleff-mcrae-veterans-village

Haines Senior Village: 153 S. 1st Ave. 907-766-3199

## Get Involved - Volunteer!

Getting involved in Haines's non-profit organizations or volunteering for events is a great way to meet people, learn new skills and give back to our wonderful community!

#### **Annual Events**

January - Polar Bear Swim \* Contact: 907-766-3775

January - Alcan 200 Road Rally \* Contact: 907-766-3951 www.alcan200.org

Feb/March - Dick Hotch Basketball Tournament \* Contact: 907-766-3023

April - Spring Fling \* Contact: SE Alaska State Fair 907-766-2476 www.seakfair.org

May - Great Alaska Craft Beer & Homebrew Festival \* Contact: SE Alaska State Fair 907-766-2476 www.seakfair.org

May - 5K-10K Slammin' Salmon Run \* Contact: SE Alaska State Fair 907-766-2476 www.seakfair.org

June - Kluane to Chilkat Bike Relay \* Contact: Judy Ewald 907-766-2455 www.kcibr.org

June - Fisherman's Community Barbecue \* Contact: SE Alaska State Fair 907-766-2476 www.seakfair.org

July - Independence Day Celebration \* BBQ, Mt. Ripinsky Run, mud volleyball, parade, and more!

July - Chilkat Challenge Triathlon \* Contact: http://www.chilkatchallengetriathlon.com

July - SE Alaska State Fair \* Contact: SE Alaska State Fair 907-766-2476 www.seakfair.org

July - Haines Hustle \* 5K, 10K, and trail half marathon. Contact: SE Alaska State Fair 907-766-2476 www.seakfair.org

Sept-Oct - Silver Salmon Derby \* Contact: 907-766-2490



## **Sports & Recreation**

Haines has 6 public parks, including the 6,045 acres at Chilkat State Park and the 48,000 acres at Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve starts at 9 mile Haines Highway. Enjoy our hiking trails and cross country ski trails of varying difficulties. Sport fishing, snowmobiling, swimming pool, ball fields, outdoor track and many more activities for you and your family.

Haines Hiking Club: Haines Ski Club:

**Haines Gardening Club:** 

Chilkat Snowburners: www.alcan200.org

**Haines Sportsman Association Rifle Range:** 3.5 Mile Mud Bay Rd. Membership based with annual use permits at the Alaska Sport Shop

**Biking:** One of the most efficient ways to get around Haines is by bicycle. There are bike racks available within in the area. Locking your bike is recommended as bikes do sometimes take off without their owners. Bikes are available for rent and purchase at Sockeye Cycle on 5th Avenue and Mike's Bikes & Boards on 0 Mile Haines Highway.

Horseshoe Pit, Outdoor Volleyball & Disc Golf: Located on the Fairgrounds

Fishing: Chilkat and Chilkoot River and surrounding waterways.

**Indoor Swimming Pool:** Next to the school and Track

Three Ball Diamonds: Two at 1 mile Haines Hwy., and one at the Fairgrounds

Outdoor track & Soccer Field: Next to the school

**Skate Park:** 1 Mile Haines Highway

**Hiking Trial Maps:** If you like to hike, Haines has some great options. Check out the hiking options on visithaines.com website or pick up a free copy at the Haines Visitor Center on 2nd and Willard St.

Haines Borough School: http://www.hbsd.net/ Open Gym during the school year.

**Thor's Fitness Center -** https://www.thorsfitnesshaines.com Open 24 hours a day, membership based for families and individuals. Wide variety of cardio machines, instructors for individual or group classes, climbing wall, spinning bikes, weights, yoga equipment, shower/sauna facility and etc.

## **Culture & Entertainment**

Our museums feature unique parts of Alaska's history and culture, so visit them all! Some entertainment is often last minute, so check Facebook sites and local notice boards for upcoming events:

Chilkat Center for the Arts: www.chilkatcenter.org/

Fort William H. Seward:

Haines Borough Public Library: www.haineslibrary.org/ American Bald Eagle Foundation: www.baldeagles.org/ Haines Sheldon Museum: www.sheldonmuseum.org/

**Hammer Museum:** www.hammermuseum.org/

Jilkaat Kwaan Cultural Heritage Center: www.jilkaatkwaanheritagecenter.org/

## **Legal System & Resources**

Haines Magistrate: www.courts.alaska.gov/courtdir/1sk.htm

Office located on 219 Main St.

The Magistrate is not permitted to give legal advice.

#### Other legal resources in Alaska

Alaska Court System website: www.alaska.gov/ Alaska Law Help: www.alaskalawhelp.org/

Alaska Legal Services Corporation: www.alsc-law.org/

#### **Notary Service Locations**

Some Notaries charge fees, others provide it as a service for their existing customers.

Post Office: 0 Haines Highway

Borough Administration Office: 3rd Ave., next to the library

Haines Cable TV/Radio Shack: Main St., & Allen Rd. First National Bank of Alaska: Main St., & 2nd Ave.

#### **Licenses & Permits**

Haines Borough: www.hainesalaska.gov/

Voter Registration
Business Licenses
Building Permits

## Haines Police Department: www.hainesalaska.gov/police

Police Officer Ride-Along Form

**Burn Permits** 

**Business Information Form** 

Vacation Watch Request Form

Complaint Against the Police Department

Public Records Request Form

Trespass Form

#### State of Alaska DMV: www.doa.alaska.gov/dmv/

Driver license, permits, ID's, etc.

Titles, registrations, license plates, etc.

## **Passports**

#### **Borough of Administration Office:**

www.hainesalaska.gov/

Radio Shack: Main St. & Allen Rd., passport photo

service available.



## **Places of Worship**

There are 11 churches in the community of Haines. Ten are denominational and one is non-denominational:

<u>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints</u> -- Near Fort Seward, on Mud Bay Road at its intersection with Small Tracts Road. Box 622, 766-2379

<u>Haines Baptist Church</u> -- Location: Downtown at the corner of 1st Avenue & Mission Street. Box 1245, 766-2313

<u>Haines Christian Center</u> -- Assembly of God, downtown at the corner of 2nd Avenue North & Union Street. Box 730, 766-2126

<u>Haines Cornerstone Foursquare Gospel Church</u> -- Meets downstairs in the Chilkat Center for the Arts in historic Fort Seward Box 588, 766-3141 or 766-2327

<u>Haines Presbyterian Church</u> -- Downtown on the property of the original Haines Mission, at 228 First Avenue South. Box 264, 766-2377

<u>Klukwan Assembly of God Church</u> -- At Klukwan, 22 Mile, Haines Highway. Box 442, 767-5544 <u>Port Chilkoot Bible Church</u> -- Non-denominational, in historic Fort Seward at the corner of Fort Seward Drive & Portage Street. Box 156, 766-2629

<u>Sacred Heart Catholic Church</u> -- Downtown at the corner of 3rd Ave. N. & Dalton Street Box 326, 766-2241

<u>Saint Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church</u> -- Meets in the lobby of the Chilkat Center for the Arts in historic Fort Seward Box 1236, 766-3041

<u>The Salvation Army</u> -- Downtown at the corner of 5th Ave. N. & Union Street. Box 550, 766-2470

<u>Valley Community Church of the Nazarene</u> -- 31.5 mile, Haines Hwy. HC 60 Box 3151 767-5635

## **Shipping Information**

United States Postal Office (USPO): 0 Mile Haines Highway

USPS is generally the fastest and cheapest way to ship items to and from Haines, mail is delivered up the highway others areas must pick up at the Post Office. You may want to look into getting a Post Office Box for the season or ask your employer if you can have items shipped to their PO Box.

Alaska Marine Lines: http://www.lynden.com/aml

Operates a weekly barge between Seattle and Haines.

This is a cost-effective way to ship heavy or bulky items.

#### **UPS**

Located in the airport terminal, Alaska Seaplanes is the local drop off location for UPS. To ship out items via UPS, you must have a preprinted label. AK Seaplanes does not provide them.

#### **Airlines Companies**

#### Alaska Marine Highway Service

#### **FEDEX**

Items shipped via FedEx are flown to Sitka or Anchorage, then placed in the US Postal System for delivery to Haines and pick-up is at Delta Western, may take longer than anticipated.

#### Deliver2Alaska

A package forwarding service for Alaskans reasonable shipping charges www.deliver2alaska.com

## **Moving Checklist**

- Tune up your car before driving for your move.
- Lineup your housing before heading to Haines.
- Notify the post office and submit a change of address form.
- Refill prescriptions and get medical records if needed.
- Get school records if needed.
- Notify financial institutes. credit card and insurance companies.
- Notify utility companies and delivery subscriptions.
- Get cash/credit card for travel.
- Make sure driver's license/passports are current for travel.
- If moving from a rental, notify landlord to request apartment deposit return.
- Pack an essential night bag with change of clothes, flashlight, toiletries, nonperishable snacks,

## Moving your pet to Haines

- Both the USA and Canadian Customs require dogs to have a current, valid rabies vaccination certificate to cross the border: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel/by-country/pettravel-canada.
- Pet carriers and current health certificates are required for transporting pets via air and on the state ferry (AMHS).
- Alaska Airlines policy: https://www.pettravel.com/airline\_pet\_rules/laskaairlines.cfm.
- AMHS Animal Policy: http://www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/policies.shtml.

#### **Veterinarian Services**

- Regular medical care for your pet takes a bit more planning when you are in Haines. Securely attach an ID Collar to your pet with name & your contact info.
- Get health certificate for air travel.
- Make sure vaccinations are up to date, Rabies shot & certificate are required for entering Canada & USA.
- Water, bowl and dog food for pet travel.
- We do not have a resident veterinarian and the closest vet services are in Juneau or Whitehorse. Visiting veterinarians close to Haines several times a year. Haines Animal Rescue Kennel (HARK) works with the residents to some extent.
- If your animal requires regular medication, it is advisable to pack several months' supply if you are moving to Haines.

## **Licensing & Legalities**

Borough Code on Animals: www.hainesalaska.gov/ Haines Animal Rescue Kennel: www.harkalaska.org/



#### **Communications**

#### **Haines Notification Services**

There is a lot going on in Haines. The following sources will help you to stay informed:

**Nixle:** www.hainesalaska.gov/police/stay-connected-nixle

Sign up online. Public safety communication forum. Police department issues road closure notices, weather advisories, flood warnings and more through this system.

Borough Notices: www.hainesalaska.gov

Facebook sites

Area businesses and individuals post local events and information on a wide variety of Facebook sites. The most commonly used ones are:

Haines buy, sell and trade

Haines buy-sell-trade

Haines Borough Government

**Haines Chatters** 

#### Media

#### Newspaper

Haines has one newspaper, Chilkat Valley News www.chilkatvalleynews.com, published every week.

#### **Regional Newspapers:**

Alaska Dispatch News Capital City Weekly Juneau Empire What's Up Yukon Yukon News Whitehorse Star



#### **Radio**

KHNS Haines Skagway & Klukwan - National Public Radio. 102.3 and 91.9 FM KINY Juneau 94.9 FM and 800 AM

#### **Television**

Cable TV, public satellite channel **Internet**Alaska Power & Telephone

#### **Public Notice Boards Location**

Haines Borough Administration Office Grocery Stores Haines Borough Public Library US Post Office