



Welcome to Jackson County, “The Center of Opportunity”. Whether you've decided to call Jackson County home, or are currently just considering it, we've provided the following directory of newcomer information to make your experience easier here and thank you for letting Jackson County be a part of your life. We're glad to have you.

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Utilities

Power: There are three providers of electricity in Jackson County. Georgia Power, Jackson EMC, and the City of Commerce. If you are unsure of your provider look at the power meter at your location. If it is Georgia Power it will say Southern Company on it, if it is Jackson EMC it will say Jackson EMC on the meter, and if it is Commerce it should say Commerce Power on it.

City of Commerce	706-367-5500
Georgia Power	888-660-5890 or 706-357-6519(local office)
Jackson EMC	706-367-5281

Water: There are seven different providers of water in Jackson County. The municipalities of Braselton, Commerce, Hoschton, Jefferson, Maysville, and Nicholson have their own water systems; however the Jackson County Water & Sewerage Authority is the largest provider of water in the County and serves most of the unincorporated areas of the county including the municipalities of Arcade, Pendergrass, and Talmo. [This service delivery area map](#) generally shows who provides water service where.

Braselton	706-654-3915
Commerce	706-335-3164
Hoschton	706-654-3034
Jefferson	706-367-5121
Maysville	706-652-2274
Nicholson	706-757-2230
Jackson County Water & Sewer Authority	706-367-1741

Natural Gas: Much of Jackson County has no natural gas service. The City of Commerce does provide natural gas service in a limited area. Three other providers provide limited service throughout the county.

City of Commerce	706-335-3164
Scana Energy	877-467-2262
Vigas, Inc.	770-867-6015
Atmos Energy	888-824-3434

Gas – Propane: The following are local providers if you choose to use propane at your home.

Amerigas	706-335-5151 or 706-367-5261
Vigas, Inc.	770-867-6015
A Better Gas Company	706-335-4000

Triple L Gas Company	706-367-8782
Country Boys Gas	706-335-3499

Local Telephone & Internet: Windstream Communications is the primary provider for telephone & internet in Jackson County. AT&T(formerly Bellsouth) covers a very limited area of the county.

Windstream Communications	706-335-0333
AT&T	1-888-757-6500

Cable: The primary provider of cable services in Jackson County is Windstream Communications. A very small part of the county is served by Comcast.

Windstream Communications	706-335-0333
Comcast	1-800-266-2278

Sanitation

Municipalities generally provide or contract out the sanitation services within their city limits. If you live within the incorporated boundaries of a city you will want to contact your City Hall to find out how to start service. However, for the unincorporated county you can either take your waste to the main Jackson County transfer station or the two compactor sites Jackson County operates. [Click here for more info about Jackson County Solid Waste](#). Also, there are many private companies that provide curbside service. *The below providers are subject to change. The Jackson County Board of Commissioners does not endorse any of these companies in anyway and not every provider may be listed below.*

Brooks Waste Disposal	706-367-4595
Garbage Hound Sanitation	706-658-2679
Jones Sanitation	706-789-2376
Madison Sanitation	706-546-8428
Moline Carting Company	706-367-2723
R&W Sanitation	706-367-1155
Rite-Way Sanitation	706-540-7224

Schools

Schools: In Jackson County there are three different school systems; Jackson County Schools, Jefferson Schools, and Commerce Schools. If you live in the city limits of Jefferson or Commerce that will be your school system. If you live in the rest of the county then the Jackson County School System will be your schools. To see specifically what school district you are located in open the [Jackson County School Finder Map](#).

Jackson County Schools	706-367-5151
Commerce City Schools	706-335-5500
Jefferson City Schools	706-367-2881

Local Governments

Jackson County has nine different municipalities. The county seat is Jefferson. To view where these cities are located open the [Jackson County Basemap](#).

City of Arcade	706-367-5500
Town of Braselton	706-654-3915
City of Commerce	706-335-3164
City of Hoschton	706-654-3034
City of Jefferson	706-367-5121
City of Maysville	706-652-2274
City of Nicholson	706-757-3408
City of Pendergrass	706-693-2494
City of Talmo	706-693-2325

Fire Services

Fire services are provided by eleven different independent fire departments. EMS & Rescue services are provided by Jackson County EMS/911. To see which department provides your fire services [open the Jackson County Fire District Map](#). Please note that the Commerce Fire Department provides fire services for the East Jackson Fire District.

Commerce Fire Dept.(Non Emergency)	706-335-2190
Jefferson Fire Dept. (Non Emergency)	706-367-2343
West Jackson Fire Dept.(Non Emergency)	706-654-2500
Jackson County EMS HQ (Non Emergency)	706-367-5202
Jackson County E911 (Non Emergency)	706-367-1911

Hospitals

The only hospital located in Jackson County is the BJC Medical Center in Commerce. Athens Regional and the Gwinnet Clinic also have first care facilities located in Jefferson. Due to Jackson County's geographic location many citizens also go to medical facilities in Athens and Gainesville for services not provided locally.

BJC(Banks Jackson Commerce) Hospital	706-335-1000
Athens Regional First Care of Jefferson	706-387-5555
The Gwinnett Clinic	706-367-1894

Registration

Driver's License: A Georgia driver's license should be secured within 30 days of establishing residency in the state. A written exam and vision test are required for persons having a valid out of state license.

Athens DMV Office: 1505 US Highway 29 N Athens GA 30601	706-552-4427
Gainesville DMV Office: 1010 Aviation Blvd Gainesville GA 30501	770-532-5308

Automobile Registration: Newcomers from a county within Georgia need to file an address correction. Out-of-state newcomers have 30 days after establishing residency to purchase a new tag.

Jackson County Tax Commissioners Office: 67 Athens St Jefferson GA 30549	706-367-6323
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Voter's Registration: The registrar's office for Jackson County is located at the administration facility in downtown Jefferson. They can assist you with getting registered to vote and where your local voting precincts are.

Voter's Registration Office 67 Athens St Jefferson GA 30549	706-367-6377
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Libraries

There are six libraries located in Jackson County:

Commerce Public Library	706-335-5946
Jefferson Public Library	706-367-8012
Harold S Swindle Library (Nicholson)	706-757-3577
Pendergrass Library	706-693-4450
Braselton Library	706-654-1992
Talmo Library	706-693-1905

Local Media

Newspapers/Magazines: Jackson County has two local companies that publish newspapers in Jackson County. [Mainstreet Newspapers](#) publishes the Jackson Herald, Commerce News, and the Braselton News. The Jackson Herald is the legal organ for the county. The Gainesville Times has a subsidiary newspaper that publishes as “The Paper” which covers the Braselton/West Jackson area. Also, Living Jackson is a local magazine that covers local living in Jackson County.

Mainstreet Newspapers	706-367-5233
The Paper	706-658-2683
Living Jackson	706-367-7761

Local Radio: WJJC 1270 AM broadcast locally out of Commerce GA.

WJJC 1270 AM	706-335-1270
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