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The Dalton-Whitfield County area extends the "red carpet treatment" to new residents by letting them in on a local secret: residents here enjoy the charm and easy access of small town life, without having to forfeit big city conveniences and opportunities. Dalton-Whitfield, with its strong historical traditions and cultural diversity, welcomes YOU!

* (All area codes are 706 unless otherwise listed)

Emergency Services

Immediate access to emergency services for fire, Georgia State Patrol, police, sheriff, and ambulance can all be reached by simply dialing **911** or:

Georgia State Patrol	272-2200
Whitfield Co. Sheriff	278-1233
Cohutta Police	694-3330
Dalton Police	278-3333
Tunnel Hill Police	673-5535
Varnell Police	694-3141
Whitfield Co. Fire Dept.	259-7433
Cohutta Fire	694-3330
Dalton Fire	278-7363
Tunnel Hill Fire	259-7433
Varnell Fire	259-7433

Automobile Tags

New residents are required to purchase a new tag for automobiles within 30 days of arrival. Needed information includes: title or registration, lien-holder's name and address, insurance card, and last tag receipt.

The Whitfield County Tax Commissioner's Office is located in the Whitfield County Courthouse on Crawford Street in Dalton, and can be reached at 275-7505.

Cable Services

Charter Communications	229-0800
OptiLink	278-1313

Driver's License

Newcomers from out-of-state can obtain a Georgia Driver's License through the Department of Public Safety, located at 235 Wagner Drive in Dalton. Hours for testing are Tuesday-Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. A current out-of-state driver's license, birth certificate or passport, and proof of Georgia residence, along with a \$15 fee to be paid in cash are the requirements. More information can be obtained by calling 272-2272 or 272-2388.

Utilities

Three suppliers provide utilities in Whitfield County, depending on location. Electricity, gas, water, and sewerage are provided for the City of Dalton through **Dalton Utilities** (278-1313), located at 1200 V. D. Parrott Jr. Parkway. **North Georgia Electric Membership Cooperative** (259-9441) is located at 1850 Cleveland Highway in Dalton, and **Georgia Power** (278-6686) is also located in Dalton at 1289 Abutment Road.

Voter Registration

The Board of Elections and Registrars is located at 305 W. Waugh Street in Dalton, and can be reached at 278-7183. Hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Telephone Service

OptiLink	278-1313
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Windstream Communications

Most customers moving into previously occupied homes/apartments can establish same day phone service by just plugging in their telephone to the jack, pressing "5" on the touch pad, and listening to the recording and following directions. Windstream's Quick Connect was designed to make moving into a new home easier.

Windstream Repair Service	279-7120
Residential Billing	279-7010
Business Services	279-7020

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School Registration

Newcomers can determine the appropriate school placement for family members by contacting the correct school system. The Dalton City Schools Administration and Services Division is located at 100 S. Hamilton Street, and can be reached at 278-8766. The Whitfield County Schools Central Office is located at 1306 S. Thornton Avenue, and can be reached by dialing 278-8070. Registration requirements include the student's birth certificate, as well as current health and academic records.

Post Office

The Dalton Post Office is located at 100 S. Thornton Avenue, Dalton, GA 30720, and can be reached by calling 278-7450.

Post Offices are also located in :

- Cohutta
- East Side Station
- Rocky Face
- Tunnel Hill
- Varnell

Healthcare Providers

Hamilton Health Care System: 272-6100

Hamilton provides medical services and information for Whitfield and surrounding counties. Please call to receive a free copy of a Medical Staff guide and map.

Whitfield Co. Health Dept. 279-9600

Whitfield County Health Center offers specialized services including:

- Women's Services
- Children's Services
- Medical Access Clinic
- Public Health Services
- Environmental Health Services

Health and Fitness

Bradley Wellness Center 278-9355

Retirement Living

Morningside of Dalton	277-9695
Royal Oaks	275-8899

Library Services

The Northwest Georgia Regional Library System can be reached at 876-1360. Dalton is the headquarters for the regional library system, which serves a four-county area. The main branch is at 310 Capps Street. The library issues cards to residents at no charge, and to non-residents for \$25.

Additional Information

For additional newcomer or visitor information, please stop by the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce at 890 College Drive in Dalton, or call 278-7373.

The Dalton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau is located at 311 S. Hamilton Street, Suite 3, and can be reached at 270-9960.

