

BENEFITS OF MOVING FROM THE CITY TO SUBURBS AND OUTLYING TOWNS



The Suburbs of Milwaukee Are Calling – and Sprawling Even Further

Blog Summary

- Explore why the suburbs of Milwaukee are thriving, offering top-rated schools, larger homes, and a strong sense of community for families and individuals alike.
- Learn how living in the suburbs can save you money, from lower taxes and permit fees to better home values and more land for your investment.
- Discover the lifestyle benefits of the suburbs, including safer neighborhoods, abundant outdoor spaces, and a smoother home-building process.

City life can be thrilling, but it can also be a major headache. If the city lights have started to lose their luster, you might be thinking about trading in the hustle and bustle for a quieter suburban lifestyle. Great news: there has never been a better time to relocate to the suburbs or even to smaller outlying areas. In fact, Wisconsin's "WOW" counties (Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Washington) contain some of the best places you could call home. Money Magazine's Best Places to Live list has featured plenty of WOW suburbs over the past few years, including New Berlin, Mequon, Germantown, and Menomonee Falls-twice!

Here are some of the perks of moving out of the city and into suburbia.



Families Love the Top-rated School Systems

An important draw for families with young children is the excellent schools you'll find in the suburbs. According to recent data from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, most top school districts in Wisconsin can be found in suburbs and outlying areas surrounding Milwaukee. Districts to keep an eye on include Lake Country, Arrowhead, Merton, Mequon-Thiensville, Elmbrook, and Hamilton, all of which earned one of the top 20 accountability scores. Relocating to the suburbs gives your kids the education and opportunities that they deserve.

Better Value for Your Money

Suburban life helps you get the best "bang for your buck." Property and sales taxes are significantly lower than in the city. Parking is free and plentiful. You can save money on common expenses like utilities or going out to eat. Plus, your dollar goes further, helping you get more house for your money in terms of both size and features. If you choose to build, lots are much more reasonably priced in suburbs and other remote areas. Permit and impact fees are reduced or even eliminated in some municipalities. For more information on impact fees and how you can save money, check out our recent post.

Increased Safety and Security for Peace of Mind

Safety is often a primary reason that home buyers or builders choose the suburbs. In <u>SafeHome.org's analysis of the safest places to live in Wisconsin</u>, the suburbs of Milwaukee top the list. New Berlin (#1) and Menomonee Falls (#2) even make the top 10% of safest cities nationwide! This is great news, especially for families. Rest easy knowing that your family and property are safe in the suburbs.

Take Advantage of the Suburbs' Wide Open Spaces

Not only is land less expensive in the suburbs, but there's also a lot more of it! Larger lots, like those available at <u>Sanctuary at Good Hope</u>, mean more privacy, more space for backyard activities, and more peace and quiet for your family. Forget noisy traffic and balcony barbecues. This is your chance to spread out and relax. And if you're an outdoor enthusiast, suburban and rural living puts nature just a moment away. Nearby state and county parks and robust recreational trail systems are some of the highlights of living away from the city.

Enjoy Living in a Larger Home

Maybe your family is growing, or maybe you just need more elbow room. Upsizing is no trouble at all in the burbs. <u>Dedicate a home office to remote work</u>. Take in summer sunsets from a picture-perfect patio. Cook in the spacious kitchen you've always craved. Between the plentiful land and the cost savings, suburban housing offers the perfect opportunity to right-size your home to match your life.

Suburban Life Means Community

It can be hard to make friends with neighbors in the heart of the city. Not so in the suburbs. In these neighborhoods, there is a real sense of community and belonging. It's also much easier to make an impact on local government or community organizations. Moving out of the big city lets you be part of something bigger. If you've always dreamed of swinging by the neighbor's house for a cup of sugar, your dreams can be a reality in the suburbs.



Convenient Commuting and Traveling Isn't a Problem Anymore

For city-dwellers, one seeming drawback of suburban living is the lack of convenient transportation options. In an increasingly online and connected world, this drawback is a thing of the past. More and more companies are offering remote or flexible work options. Commuting is no trouble at all when you work from your home office! The surge in retail delivery and pickup eliminates another headache of living outside of the city. Living in the suburbs or remote and rural areas is easier now than ever before.

Smooth, Hassle-free Build Process

When you need a home that's perfect for your needs, new construction is the way to go. Building couldn't be simpler or smoother in the suburbs. Smaller, more remote municipalities have fewer regulations that could hold up your timeline. They also allow for more flexibility with special features like outbuildings, sheds, or expanded garages. The approval process is easier and much less likely to get held up by unforeseen issues. Plus, when you work with a trusted builder like Demlang, you can rely on our experience with suburban new home builds and our <u>relationships with trade partners</u> to bring your vision to life smoothly and swiftly.

Let Us Help You Find Your New Community

When you're ready to call the suburbs your home, Demlang can help. Select the perfect location from our <u>lots for sale</u>, including <u>Sanctuary at Good Hope subdivision</u> in Menomonee Falls, <u>Ryanwood Manor</u> in Franklin, and beyond. If you already own a lot, <u>explore floor plans</u> and visualize what it would be like to live in a beautiful Demlang home. Or, if you are ready for suburban life but don't have a location in mind, work with a Demlang expert to find the right community for you and your lifestyle.

Learn More About Building Opportunities in These Communities.