

If you have been turning the idea over in your mind, you are not alone. People switch carriers and agencies every week, usually after a renewal surprises them with a double digit increase or a claim experience leaves a bad taste. Others move to a new state and want to consolidate under one roof. Moving home and car policies to State Farm can be straightforward if you understand the moving parts, the timing, and a few quirks that catch folks off guard.

I have sat at kitchen tables with couples who forgot to notify their mortgage servicer before switching home insurance and watched their escrow blow up over a missing declaration page. I have also helped a single parent save more than 800 dollars a year by bundling Car insurance and Home insurance, mostly through alignment of deductibles, a telematics discount, and cleaning up a couple of old tickets that no longer mattered. The move itself is not complicated, but details matter.

Why people make the switch

There are three main drivers. First, cost changes as life changes. A clean driving record for three years, a new roof, a married teen driver, an updated electrical panel, each of these can swing pricing by hundreds of dollars. Second, service expectations differ. Some want a dedicated State Farm agent who knows them, answers texts, and goes to bat on tricky claims. Others do not care who they talk to, as long as the premium is low and the app works. Third, coverage control often improves with a human in the loop. You might have bought your last policy on your phone at midnight. It worked until you had a water backup loss that was not covered because you never added the small endorsement that would have cost 40 dollars a year.

State Farm insurance is sold through local agents, and that distribution model still matters. A good agent will not just push price. They will help you decide, for example, whether to keep separate deductibles for wind and hail in tornado country, or whether to raise your personal liability umbrella now that you have a pool and teenage drivers. A poor agent will do little more than email you a quote. You can usually tell within one phone call which one you are getting.

What changes when you switch insurance agency

Moving to a different carrier is effectively starting fresh. Your claim history follows you through the CLUE and MVR databases, but underwriting rules, discount recipes, repair networks, and billing systems all reset. If you have been with a small regional Insurance agency for years, you might notice more automation and a wider set of billing options at State Farm. You might also see different inspection practices on homes, or a firmer view on certain roof types.

When you change the Insurance agency, you change the service path too. With a State Farm agent, service and guidance live locally, while policy billing, claims payment, and underwriting live with the carrier. That blend is different from an independent agency that shops carriers for you. Neither is inherently better, but it pays to know the model you are choosing.

The best timing so you do not create a coverage gap

Insurance is continuous coverage. You do not want a day without it, even if your car never leaves the garage. Two timing rules help.

First, never cancel your old policy until your new one is issued and bound, and you hold the ID cards and declarations. A quote is not a policy. A binder is, but only after you sign and pay.

Second, line up effective dates cleanly. If your current Car insurance renews on the 15th and you start the State Farm policy on the 12th, you will pay a few days of overlap. That may be worth it to avoid gaps, but your agent can also match dates precisely. For Home insurance, effective dates tie to mortgage servicing. If your escrow pays the premium annually, give your State Farm agent at least two weeks to coordinate with the servicer. I have seen mortgage companies take five to seven business days to update the loss payee and set up [Insurance agency near me](#) the new payee record.

A simple five step handoff to State Farm

- Gather the right documents: driver's license numbers, vehicle VINs, current dec pages for Car insurance and Home insurance, mortgage servicer information, and details about updates to the home such as roof year, plumbing, electrical, and heating.
- Ask for a State Farm quote and talk through the build: limits, deductibles, endorsements, discounts, and billing. Do not just email for price, have a real conversation with the State Farm agent.
- Bind the new policies, get proof: ID cards for autos, a declarations page and mortgagee clause for the home. Confirm effective dates match your plan.
- Coordinate escrow or lienholder details: your agent sends the home policy to the mortgage servicer and adds any auto lienholders. You verify in your mortgage portal that the new policy shows and the old one will not be paid again.
- Cancel the old policies after the new ones are live: ask the old carrier for a written cancellation effective the day before your State Farm coverage started, and request any refund. Keep confirmation emails or letters.

Those five steps rarely fail. They keep the paperwork in the right order and leave breadcrumbs you can show a lender, DMV, or claims adjuster if anything goes sideways.

Working with a State Farm agent, what to expect

If you search for an Insurance agency near me, you will probably see a cluster of local offices. Walking into one can feel old fashioned, but it cuts weeks of friction in an afternoon. Agents translate the underwriting rules into plain English and close loops that would otherwise cause you headaches later. A seasoned State Farm agent will ask about roof age, deadbolts, sump pumps with battery backup, credit freezes that might block a soft pull for rating, and teen driver report cards for a good student discount. If they do not, bring those topics up yourself.

Pricing starts with a State Farm quote, but the value of an agent shows in the tweaks. An example I see often, a family is carrying 50,000 per person and 100,000 per accident in bodily injury liability on Car insurance. They bought those limits ten years ago when they had no assets. Today they have home equity, retirement accounts, and rental property. An agent will push for 250,000 per person and 500,000 per accident at least, then discuss a 1 million umbrella. That conversation changes your risk, not just your rate.

Building your auto policy the right way

Car insurance is more than a state minimum checkbox. Underwriting will pull motor vehicle records for each driver, verify VINs, and rate on garaging ZIP codes. Expect questions about miles driven to work, rideshare use, youthful drivers away at school, and aftermarket modifications. If you have a salvage or rebuilt title, mention it early. Some carriers will not write it, others limit coverage.

Deductibles drive price and claims experience. A 1,000 dollar comprehensive deductible paired with a 500 dollar collision deductible is common, but telematics discounts can be just as powerful. State Farm has usage based programs that reward smooth acceleration, steady braking, and limited night driving. The savings can range from single digits to more than 20 percent, but it depends on driving behavior and the state. If you are a night shift nurse, be honest. The program may not net a discount because of unavoidable overnight miles.

Edge cases deserve upfront care. SR-22 filings, high performance vehicles, and classic cars each have their own playbook. If you use your car for rideshare, you probably need a rideshare endorsement so the policy covers you during that gap when you are waiting for a fare. Without it, you may face a claim denial. For classic and collector vehicles, ask

about agreed value options and limited use ratings. You want the number on the policy to match what you would accept if the car were totaled.

Getting the home policy right the first time

Home insurance has moved toward replacement cost realism. Most carriers use a replacement cost calculator that looks at square footage, quality grade, roof type, exterior materials, flooring, and features like vaulted ceilings. If the calculator pegged your home at 350,000 five years ago and you added a 400 square foot sunroom, expect a jump. Give accurate information. Lowballing square footage saves a few dollars today and causes a painful fight after a fire.

Underwriting can order an exterior inspection or even an interior photo set. Do not take it personally. They want to confirm the roof is sound, the siding intact, tree limbs not brushing the roof, and steps have handrails. If you have a wood stove, a trampoline, or a pool with no fence, expect conditions or surcharges. Some items are non negotiable. A pool without a four foot fence and self latching gate will likely be a hard stop until fixed.

Pay attention to sublimits and endorsements. Water backup is the quiet killer of budgets. A basic policy might include only 2,500 dollars for water backup. Bumping to 10,000 or 25,000 often costs less than a dinner out each month and saves a large headache when a sump pump fails during a summer storm. Scheduled personal property matters too. If you own a 12,000 dollar ring, the base policy probably covers only 1,500 for jewelry theft. Scheduling it lists the item, sets the value, and often removes the deductible for a covered loss.

Roofs drive more regulation than they used to. In hail prone states, insurers often require cosmetic damage exclusions on metal roofs or impose higher wind and hail deductibles. If your roof is 20 to 25 years old, the settlement might be actual cash value rather than full replacement cost. Read the roof endorsement language before you sign so you are not learning its rules when a storm tears shingles off in May.

Coordinating with your mortgage and escrow

This is the part that trips the most people. Your mortgage servicer pays Home insurance out of escrow once a year. They need to know you switched carriers, and they need the updated mortgagee clause exactly as they require it. Your State Farm agent will send the dec page and invoice to the servicer. You should still log into your mortgage portal and confirm the new policy displays within a week. If you leave the old policy on, the servicer may pay both, then you spend a month chasing a refund. That refund eventually comes, but it locks money up during the wait.

If you are mid policy term and you switch, the unused premium from the old carrier should come back to you or your escrow. Expect seven to 21 days for the refund to land. If it flows into escrow, your monthly mortgage payment may later adjust. Budget for that. On new purchases, lenders require evidence of Home insurance at closing. Moving to State Farm at that moment is easy. Your agent coordinates with the title company, names the mortgagee correctly, and collects the first year premium.

Bundling, discounts, and real price strategy

Bundling Home insurance and Car insurance with State Farm often unlocks a multi policy discount. The math varies by state, but I routinely see 10 to 25 percent combined savings compared to buying them apart. Yet bundling is not magic. If your driving record has a recent major violation, auto pricing may still run hot for a couple of years. The right move is sometimes to place home with State Farm now for service and coverage reasons, then bring auto over after the violation drops off your record.

Beyond bundling, the largest levers are usually liability limits, deductibles, telematics, roof age for home, and driver experience for auto. Secondary controls include student away at school, multi car, early shopping, paperless, and EFT billing. Keep expectations realistic. If you filed two auto claims in the last 12 months and replaced a roof on a claim last fall, carriers will price for that risk regardless of any Insurance agency switch.

Claims history and how it follows you

Insurance carriers share claim data through the CLUE database for property and auto. Most claims show for five to seven years. That does not mean you should avoid legitimate claims, but you should avoid nickel and diming. Three small glass claims and a bumper scrape can sometimes rate worse than one larger comprehensive claim. When you request a State Farm quote, the carrier will pull CLUE and the motor vehicle records. If a prior loss does not belong to you, dispute it

early. I have seen a neighbor's kitchen fire coded to the wrong address and cost a client hundreds of dollars until we fixed it.

Another nuance, claims on a property can stay attached to the address. If you recently bought a home where the prior owner had multiple water backup claims, your agent can help explain the history and ask underwriting to consider the change in occupancy and maintenance. Sometimes that helps, sometimes not, depending on the pattern and the systems in the home.



Common pitfalls to avoid when switching

- Cancelling old policies before the new ones are fully bound and in hand, which creates a coverage gap that can raise rates for years.
- Forgetting to tell the mortgage servicer, which leads to duplicate payments, escrow shortages, and letters threatening force placed insurance.
- Focusing only on premium and ignoring key endorsements like water backup, ordinance and law, or underinsured motorist coverage.
- Underreporting drivers or garaging addresses, which can void coverage or lead to denied claims if discovered later.
- Letting a credit freeze block the carrier's insurance score pull, which can delay or change your final State Farm quote.

I keep a folder on my desk of near misses that turned into lessons. The most common is a family that moved out of state, started a new policy, and assumed the old carrier would auto cancel when the plates changed. It did not. Ninety days later, the renewal drafted on their old bank account and overdrawn it. One phone call and a cancellation letter would have avoided the mess.

Edge cases that deserve extra attention

Teen drivers change the calculus. They lift premiums and raise liability concerns, but there are counterweights. A good student discount can shave more than 10 percent off a youthful operator's slice. Driver training course certificates can help. A telematics program can teach habits, not just price them. I have witnessed a 16 year old cut their hard braking events in half after viewing their weekly driving report.

Short term rental use, such as renting your home occasionally, needs disclosure. Standard Home insurance might exclude business use. You may need a specific endorsement or a different policy form tailored for short term rental. The same goes for a home based business with inventory or client visits. A few thousand dollars in equipment can be scheduled, but foot traffic may require a separate small business policy for liability.

If you have an animal on a prohibited breed list, be candid. Carriers publish those lists and they vary. Hiding the dog does not end well when a claim hits. Your agent can check eligibility and suggest risk management steps. Some carriers allow coverage if the dog has a certified training program or no prior bite history.

State lines and moving to a new market

If you are moving between states, you will need new policies. Auto follows state minimums and forms, and Home insurance responds to region specific risks. Windstorm in coastal Carolina does not look like wildfire in the West. A State Farm agent in your new state will build from local norms. For example, in parts of Texas and Oklahoma, wind and hail deductibles are commonly a percentage of Coverage A, such as 1 or 2 percent. In Florida, roof and hurricane rules govern nearly every detail. Expect different documentation demands too. Some states require a signed wind mitigation form to earn credits. Others require proof of prior coverage to waive waiting periods.

Registration and plates do not wait politely. Most states ask you to establish new registration within 30 days of residency. Your auto ID cards must match the new state and address to complete that DMV step. Line up your State Farm quote and binder as soon as your move dates are firm.

Canceling the old policies cleanly

Ask the old carrier for cancellation effective the day before your State Farm policy starts, and specify whether you want the refund by check or back to the original payment method. Provide a written request. Some carriers allow an email to service, others ask for a signed form. If you are switching mid term, confirm whether any short rate cancellation penalty applies. That practice has faded, but a few surplus lines or specialty carriers still use it.

For Home insurance tied to escrow, ask the old carrier to send the refund to you if you paid the premium at closing from your own funds, or to the servicer if escrow paid the last bill. Keeping that flow consistent simplifies your accounting and avoids a surprise escrow analysis later.

What to do after the switch

The first month sets the tone. Put electronic ID cards in your phone wallet. Print a paper copy and keep it in the glove box. Review your declarations pages one more time. If you spot a misspelling, an incorrect lienholder, or a driver listed at the wrong address, fix it now. Small errors can become big delays when you need a claim check or a title release.

Set reminders for renewal reviews. Most people drift after they switch, then wake up two years later with life changes not reflected in the policy. Put a 20 minute call on the calendar each renewal. Ask your State Farm agent to recheck discounts, revisit deductibles, and review life changes such as finished basements, new roofs, water sensors, or miles driven if you changed jobs.

Claims happen. When they do, call your agent or the claims number listed on the ID card. Your agent can coach you on whether a situation is likely covered and how it may affect pricing. I have advised clients to pay out of pocket for a 700 dollar mailbox scrape because the long tail of a collision claim would have cost more across three years of rating than the fix itself. On the other hand, a deer strike at highway speed belongs as a comprehensive claim without shame.

Cost expectations and a grounded view of savings

Switching agencies is not a guaranteed discount machine. It can save real money, but the range is wide. I have seen households with a clean record and a new roof save 15 to 30 percent by moving both policies. I have also seen minimal change when a driver had a fresh at fault accident and the home had an older roof with granular loss. The State Farm quote tells you where you land, but even then, the first term is only part of the story. How the carrier handles a claim, how transparent billing feels, and how responsive your State Farm agent is, those elements create value you only notice over time.



Approach the switch with both a calculator and a checklist. Price matters, but coverage and service drive satisfaction. If you walk out with higher liability limits, water backup, matching deductible strategies, and a local name who answers your text when a tree comes down at 2 a.m., you have improved your position even if the premium did not drop as far as you hoped.

Final thoughts from the trenches

The cleanest switches follow a simple rhythm. Gather documents, have a real conversation, bind with correct dates, loop in the mortgage servicer, then cancel the old policies with written proof. Keep your eye on coverage details that decide claim outcomes, not just the number at the bottom of the quote. Use your State Farm agent like a guide, not a vending machine. Ask about roof settlement types, endorsement limits, telematics fit, and umbrella thresholds. When you do, you swap not only an Insurance agency but also your posture toward risk, and that tends to pay for itself when life throws a curveball.

If you are ready to start, search for a State Farm agent or an Insurance agency near me, call one or two offices, and ask for a State Farm quote on Home insurance and Car insurance. Share the truth about your drivers, your roof, and your claims. You will get a sharper price, a cleaner policy, and a smoother handoff to your new team.

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What types of insurance are offered at this location?

The agency offers auto insurance, homeowners insurance, renters insurance, life insurance, and business insurance services in Mesa, Arizona.

Where is the office located?

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Does the office assist with policy reviews?

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- **Mesa Arts Center** – Major performing arts and cultural venue.
- **Arizona State University – Polytechnic Campus** – University campus located in Mesa.
- **Golfland Sunsplash** – Family-friendly amusement and water park.
- **Superstition Springs Center** – Popular retail shopping mall.
- **Banner Desert Medical Center** – Major hospital serving the Mesa area.
- **Red Mountain Park** – Large park with trails, sports facilities, and scenic views.