



## Rural Areas

The area where you live close to others, is called your neighborhood. The place where people live, work and have fun together is called their community. Your neighborhood may be urban, suburban or rural.

Rural areas have lots of space, and not a lot of people in it. People live far apart from each other, and single family homes are the norm for housing. You won't find skyscrapers or large apartment buildings in rural areas. You'll also probably not see public transportation. Most people in rural areas drive to get around.

In an urban area you'll see small animals such as squirrels, birds and chipmunks. While in rural areas, you may also see much larger animals. Depending upon where you live that could encompass raccoons, deer, mountain lions, coyotes, bear, elk or moose.

Rural areas do not have large business centers that stay open late or all night. Rural areas in the U.S. still have access to great education, but kids might have to travel a little farther on a bus to get to school.

Rural areas are remote, and do not usually have large entertainment centers. Rural communities have their own methods of meeting up with neighbors, such as dinners, dances and meetings.