



## RETIREMENT

# Best Places To Retire: Technology, Comfort Of Care, Ease Of Access Drive Decisions



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An important part of retirement planning is deciding the best places to retire. It might mean moving to another home in the town you live now or jumping to another country.



All the usual places are still on the list, such as moving to a warmer state or closer to your grandchildren, renting an RV and driving across the country, or considering expatriating abroad where the cost of living and health care may be cheaper.

But there's one new element that's becoming more and more prevalent in the choices on

where to live after retirement, and that is technology.

Just a few years back, [leaving your primary residence](#) for an extended amount of time posed the challenge of safety, upkeep and cost. But nowadays, retirees are increasingly using technological advances to secure their residences and have peace of mind when traveling.

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"What's happening now is people are putting in cameras (at home) and using Bluetooth alerts, and this becomes very inexpensive," said J.J. Burns, CFP Board Ambassador and CEO of JJ Burns & Co. "For example, if you know where your pipes are, you can put a sensor with the Bluetooth technology that will alert you if there's a puddle forming."

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Simultaneously, it can send out an alert to the person overseeing the house so that he can call a plumber without the homeowner having to lift a finger.

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Another of Burns' clients is a middle-aged doctor who has decided to remain active as a consultant so that he can spend more time in his country home or travel. So he's built out his medical practice in such a way that he can [work even though he is retired](#). He still maintains a base salary, while managing his practice from afar.

"He does this with impeccable technology for accounting and software that is run through an accounting firm, and us, to monitor and maintain, and to alert him every week or 30 days on what's going on," said Burns. He points out that a lot of retirees like what they do, but they want to do less of it and technology helps with that.

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