Shopping for a Home

Homebuyer checklist

If you’re ready to start looking for a home, you can use this checklist to keep track of home features that are must-haves and ones that are nice-to-haves as well as to take notes for different houses you look at. Print out as many as you need, and don’t forget to take pictures at your viewing.

Home address: __________________________

Date of viewing: _________________________

Notes: _________________________________

Type of home

☐ Single-family detached
☐ Condo
☐ Townhome
☐ Duplex
☐ Manufactured home
☐ Mixed-use space
☐ Single story/Ranch
☐ Multilevel

Inside features

☐ Family room
☐ Eat-in kitchen
☐ Formal dining room
☐ Formal living room
☐ Open floor plan
☐ Office space
☐ Finished basement
☐ Unfinished basement
☐ Walk-in closets
☐ Laundry closet/room

# of bedrooms __________
# of full bathrooms __________
# of half bathrooms __________

Flooring type

☐ hardwood
☐ carpet
☐ tile
☐ linoleum
Outside features

☐ Deck
☐ Patio
☐ Covered porch
☐ Screened porch
☐ Garage
☐ Driveway
☐ Yard
☐ Pool
☐ Ramp
☐ In-ground sprinkler system
☐ Fence

Amenities

☐ Updated kitchen appliances
☐ Water heater
☐ Washer/dryer
☐ Central air
☐ Forced air
☐ Gas heat
☐ Electric heat
☐ Fireplace (Gas or wood burning)
☐ Kitchen pantry

Location

Distance to schools ____________________________
Distance to parks ____________________________
Distance to work ____________________________
Distance to stores ____________________________

☐ Public transit availability
☐ Reliable cellphone coverage
☐ Internet/cable TV hookups

Additional info

Age of home ____________________________
Updates and renovations ____________________________

Length of time on the market ____________________________
Reason house is for sale ____________________________

Average utility costs per month ____________________________
Monthly HOA/condo/coop fees (if applicable) ____________________________

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