



Home Shopping Checklist



How do you make sure you buy the right home?

One that you and your family will love both now and in the future? Use this checklist to consider all the variables and prioritize your needs and wants. If you're buying with a spouse or partner, fill it out separately and then compare. It might spark a great conversation.

Type of Home	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
Single Family Attached				
Duplex				
Multifamily with Rental Unit(s)				
Condo				
Co-op Apartment				
Loft/Mixed Use				
Single Story/No Stairs				
Architectural Style:				

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Nearby	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
Employment				
Schools				
Public Transportation				
Airport				
Bike Paths, Parks, Playgrounds				
Shops & Restaurants				
Cultural & Arts Opportunities				
Community Center				
Family or Friends				

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Characteristics	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
Customizable				
Move-in condition				
Will grow in value				
Low maintenance				
Safe and secure				

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Parking	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
Garage				
Carport				
Driveway/Off-Street				

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Bedrooms	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
1				
2				
3				
4+				

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Bathrooms	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
1				
2				
2.5-3				
4+				

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Types of Rooms	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
Open Plan				
Great Room				
Formal Living Room				
Formal Dining Room				
Eat-in Kitchen				
En Suite Bath				
Walk-in Closets				
Home Office				
Attic				
Finished Basement				
Laundry Room				
Screened Porch				
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Kitchen	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
Eat-in				
Breakfast Bar				
Island				
New Appliances				
Stone Countertops				
New/Remodeled Cabinetry				
Pantry				
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Flooring	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
Hardwood				
Manufactured Wood				
Cork or Bamboo				
Laminate				
Wall-to-Wall Carpet				
Tile				
Stone				
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Exterior	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
Brick				
Wood				
Shingle				
Stone				
Stucco				

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Heating/Cooling	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
Electric				
Natural Gas/Propane				
Radiant Heat				
Central Air				
Fireplace				
Fireplace with Insert				
Wood or Pellet Stove				

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Energy Efficiency	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
Insulation and Air Sealing				
Solar Panels				
Solar Ready				
Tankless Water Heater				
Heat-Pump Water Heater				
Double-or-Triple-Pane Windows				
Low-Flow Toilets				
Energy Star Appliances				
Programmable Thermostats				

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Universal Design Features	Need	Big Want	Small Want	Don't Care
Extra-Wide Doorways				
Ramp				
Elevator				
Grab Bars				
Accessible Kitchen				
Walk-in Tub/Shower				

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