



House Hunting Check List and Tips

When house hunting it is a good idea to separate what your needs and wants are so you can stay focused when viewing homes. Discussing this before you are out looking at homes can save time (and arguments). A check list will help determine what your priorities are. The following is a basic list.

Type of house

- Single-family
- Town home
- Condo
- New
- Existing
- Acreage
- Horse Property
- 55+ community

Rooms

- Number of Bedrooms
- Number of Bathrooms
- Family Room
- Great Room
- Formal living room
- Formal dining room
- Office / Den
- Recreation Room

Miscellaneous

- Number of garages
- Fireplace
- Backyard; small, medium, large
- Swimming Pool

Community / Neighborhood

- Schools: how close, ratings
- Library
- Golf Course
- Parks / Park programs / activities
- Local Colleges
- Shopping
- Public Transportation
- Restaurants

Condition of house

- Handy man - willing to do a lot of work
- Willing to do some work
- Willing to have some painting or remodeling hired out
- Want a 'Turn Key' house

House hunting tips:

- ◆ Rate the items in the above list. Use a scale of 1-5; 5-being very high on your priority list, 1-would like but not necessary.
- ◆ Take notes – after seeing several homes they will all start to blend together.
- ◆ Bring your digital camera. Start by taking a picture of the front and a close up of the address so you can easily know which house you are looking at.
- ◆ Wear comfortable clothing and shoes – safety first.
- ◆ Rate the house you just saw while it is still fresh in your mind – give it a rating 1-10, with 10 being the highest.
- ◆ Review your top choices and make a selection. View your top choices again if needed.
- ◆ First time home buyers: Remember this is most likely not going to be your dream house, but the first step to reaching that goal is to purchase your first home. You may want to purchase a home that will fit your needs and be comfortable that you can build equity to use for that next step.
- ◆ Compromise; there will be something you love about a house that may not have one of your top needs or wants. Be willing to compromise on one item to get another great benefit.



Questions? Need more help using this list? Call anytime!

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