

HOME BUYERS

HOME CHECKLIST

ITEM	2	3	4	More
A: The House				
number of bedrooms	_____	_____	_____	_____
number of baths	_____	_____	_____	_____
	ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED	FAIRLY IMPORTANT	NICE EXTRA	NOT WANTED
Eat-in kitchen	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dining room	_____	_____	_____	_____
Family room	_____	_____	_____	_____
Laundry Room	_____	_____	_____	_____
Office	_____	_____	_____	_____
Basement	_____	_____	_____	_____
Patio	_____	_____	_____	_____
Garage	_____	_____	_____	_____
Carport	_____	_____	_____	_____
Barn/Stables	_____	_____	_____	_____
B: The Features				
Dishwasher	_____	_____	_____	_____
Refrigerator	_____	_____	_____	_____
Central Air	_____	_____	_____	_____
Fireplace	_____	_____	_____	_____
Whirlpool	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tub	_____	_____	_____	_____
Swimming Pool	_____	_____	_____	_____
C: The Style - Single Family				
One level ranch	_____	_____	_____	_____
Two story	_____	_____	_____	_____
Two level ranch (raised ranch or bi-level)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Split or tri level	_____	_____	_____	_____
The Style - Attached housing				
Duplex (Attached to one other home)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Townhouse (houses in a row)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Condo (like apartments)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Quads (houses grouped together)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Co-op Apartment	_____	_____	_____	_____
D: Other				
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

HOW YOU DEFINE "HOME" CHECKLIST

Please answer these questions: (use two sheets if more than person is buying)
We suggest that you do this exercise separately, then discuss your answers to find consensus. ,

I regard my home primarily as a place

- _____ to relax and be myself,
- _____ to entertain,
- _____ to raise a family.

True or false:

1. _____ The inside of the house is more important than the neighborhood.
2. _____ The neighborhood is more important than the house itself.
3. _____ I would live in a smaller, less perfect house, if it was in a more desirable neighborhood.
4. _____ I would live on a busy street, or a slightly less desirable neighborhood if I could find just the right house.
5. _____ I am handy and would be willing to make some repairs if I could save some money on the purchase.
6. _____ I would be willing to make some sacrifices to buy a house.
7. _____ I grew up in a family - owned home.
8. _____ I have never bought a home before.
9. _____ I would be willing to buy whatever I can afford now, and move up in a few years.
10. _____ If I can't get what I want in a house, I'll stay in my apartment.
11. _____ I'll probably need to get some advice from a friend or a family member before I make this decision.
12. _____ I'm buying a home primarily as a place to live.
13. _____ I'm buying a home primarily as an investment.

REALITY CHECK

- A. I am currently living in a: ___ single family home attached housing (duplex, townhouse) condo
_____ apartment
- B. I currently ___ own my home, ___ am renting.
- C. I would like to be in my new home within ___ 60 days, ___ 90 days, ___ 3 to 6 months, ___ 6 months to one year, ___ over 1 year.
- D. Do you anticipate any income changes within 3 years?
_____ Increase ___ Decrease
- E. Do you anticipate any changes in family size within 3 years? ___ Yes ___ No
- F. If Yes, it will be an ___ Increase ___ Decrease

Note: There are no right or wrong answers here! Answering these questions should help you focus on what you want, need and require. Once you know that, the process becomes easier.