



# House Hunting Checklist

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF VISIT** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOUSE** \_\_\_\_\_

- Asking price \_\_\_\_\_
- Square footage \_\_\_\_\_
- Price per square foot \_\_\_\_\_
- FHA/VA financing \_\_\_\_\_
- Other financing \_\_\_\_\_
- Floor plan \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of bedrooms/bathrooms \_\_\_\_\_
- On what side does sun rise/set? \_\_\_\_\_
- Real estate taxes \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of stories \_\_\_\_\_

## SIZE OF ROOMS:

- Bedroom (master) \_\_\_\_\_
- Bedroom 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- Bedroom 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- Bedroom 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- Master bath \_\_\_\_\_
- Master closet \_\_\_\_\_
- Kitchen \_\_\_\_\_
- Family dining area \_\_\_\_\_
- Formal dining area \_\_\_\_\_
- Living \_\_\_\_\_
- Family room \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Year constructed \_\_\_\_\_
- Builder \_\_\_\_\_
- Parking \_\_\_\_\_

## INTERIOR:

- Appliances \_\_\_\_\_
- Attic \_\_\_\_\_

- Attic vents \_\_\_\_\_
- Basement \_\_\_\_\_
- Ceiling fans \_\_\_\_\_
- Closets \_\_\_\_\_
- Electric garage door opener \_\_\_\_\_
- Estimated utility costs \_\_\_\_\_  
(ask to see bills)
- Fireplace(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Floor covering \_\_\_\_\_
- General condition \_\_\_\_\_
- Heating/ventilation/central air \_\_\_\_\_
- Humidifier \_\_\_\_\_
- Insulation \_\_\_\_\_
- Kitchen \_\_\_\_\_
- Lead-based paints used? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Harmful if ingested, common in older homes)
- Plumbing \_\_\_\_\_
- Radon levels \_\_\_\_\_
- Security system \_\_\_\_\_
- Stairs \_\_\_\_\_
- Utility room \_\_\_\_\_
- Wallpaper \_\_\_\_\_
- Walls (check for cracks) \_\_\_\_\_
- Window coverings \_\_\_\_\_
- Wiring \_\_\_\_\_

## EXTERIOR:

- Deck/porch/patio \_\_\_\_\_
- Doors \_\_\_\_\_
- Foundation/grading/drainage \_\_\_\_\_
- Gutters and downspouts \_\_\_\_\_
- Landscaping \_\_\_\_\_
- Lot size \_\_\_\_\_
- Pavement condition \_\_\_\_\_
- Roof \_\_\_\_\_

- Septic system \_\_\_\_\_
- Siding materials \_\_\_\_\_
- Sprinkler system \_\_\_\_\_
- Swimming pool/hot tub \_\_\_\_\_
- Trees \_\_\_\_\_
- Windows (single/double paned) \_\_\_\_\_

### NEIGHBORHOOD:

- Security \_\_\_\_\_
- Snow removal \_\_\_\_\_
- Susceptibility to flood, earthquake, etc \_\_\_\_\_
- Traffic \_\_\_\_\_
- Trash removal \_\_\_\_\_
- Accessibility during inclement weather \_\_\_\_\_
- Adjacent property (*its zoning, owner[s], and intended use*) \_\_\_\_\_
- Airports \_\_\_\_\_
- City services \_\_\_\_\_

### DRIVE TIME TO:

- Work \_\_\_\_\_
- Schools \_\_\_\_\_
- Shopping \_\_\_\_\_
- Church \_\_\_\_\_
- Major highways \_\_\_\_\_
- Entertainment/culture \_\_\_\_\_
- Landfills \_\_\_\_\_
- Near hazardous/noxious activities? \_\_\_\_\_

### NOISE:

- Airport \_\_\_\_\_
- Freeway \_\_\_\_\_
- Railroad tracks \_\_\_\_\_
- Neighbors/pets \_\_\_\_\_

### OTHER:

- Overall appearance \_\_\_\_\_
- Percent houses for sale and rent in area \_\_\_\_\_
- Police/fire \_\_\_\_\_
- Power lines \_\_\_\_\_
- Privacy \_\_\_\_\_
- Restrictions (*e.g., satellite dishes, outbuildings*) \_\_\_\_\_
- Public transportation \_\_\_\_\_

### SCHOOL DISTRICT:

- Day care \_\_\_\_\_
- Elementary \_\_\_\_\_
- Middle school \_\_\_\_\_
- Junior high \_\_\_\_\_
- Senior high \_\_\_\_\_

### GENERAL:

- Affordability \_\_\_\_\_
- Investment value \_\_\_\_\_

### Notes:

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*Attach other relevant printouts and pictures of the house to this checklist.*

