

# Home Shopping Checklist

## How do you make sure you buy the right home?

Between the home itself, the all-important location, and the limitations of your budget, there are a lot of variables to consider. Our simple home shopping checklist will help you nail the balancing act.

Note: If you're buying with a spouse or partner, you might fill out the checklist separately and then compare. Each section even has a little space at the bottom for custom notes.

May the home shopping gods be on your side!

TYPE OF HOME	NEED	BIG WANT	SMALL WANT	DON'T CARE
Single Family Detached				
Duplex				
Multifamily with Rental Unit(s)				
Condo				
Co-op Apartment				
Loft / Mixed Use				
Single Story / No Stairs				
Architectural Style:				
NOTES				

NEARBY	NEED	BIG WANT	SMALL WANT	DON'T CARE
Employment				
Schools				
Public Transportation				
Airport				
Bike Paths				
Shops & Restaurants				
Cultural & Arts Opportunities				
Community Center				
Recreation, Parks, Playgrounds				
NOTES				

LOCATION	NEED	BIG WANT	SMALL WANT	DON'T CARE
Nearby				
Schools				
Public Transportation				
Airport				
Bike Paths				
NOTES				

PARKING	NEED	BIG WANT	SMALL WANT	DON'T CARE
Garage				
Carport				
Driveway / Off-Street				
NOTES				

BEDROOMS	NEED	BIG WANT	SMALL WANT	DON'T CARE
1				
2				
3				
4+				
NOTES				

BATHROOMS	NEED	BIG WANT	SMALL WANT	DON'T CARE
1				
2				
2.5 - 3				
4+				
NOTES				

ROOM FEATURES	NEED	BIG WANT	SMALL WANT	DON'T CARE
Open Plan				
Great Room				
Formal Living Room				
Formal Dining Room				
Eat-in Kitchen				
Master Suite with Bath				
Walk-in Closets				
Home Office				
Attic				
Finished Basement				
Laundry Room				
Screened Porch				
<b>NOTES</b>				

KITCHEN	NEED	BIG WANT	SMALL WANT	DON'T CARE
Eat-in				
Breakfast Bar				
Island				
New Appliances				
Stone Countertops				
New / Remodeled Cabinetry				
Pantry				
NOTES				

FLOORING	NEED	BIG WANT	SMALL WANT	DON'T CARE
Hardwood				
Manufactured Wood				
Cork or Bamboo				
Laminate				
Wall-to-Wall Carpet				
Tile				
Stone				
NOTES				

EXTERIOR	NEED	BIG WANT	SMALL WANT	DON'T CARE
Brick				
Wood				
Shingle				
Stone				
Stucco				
Low Maintenance				
NOTES				

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				
NOTES				

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				
Dual- or Triple-Pane Windows				
Low-Flow Toilets				
Energy Star Appliances				
Programmable Thermostats				
<b>NOTES</b>				

UNIVERSAL DESIGN FEATURES	NEED	BIG WANT	SMALL WANT	DON'T CARE
Extra-Wide Doorways				
Ramp				
Elevator				
Grab Bars				
Accessible Kitchen				
Walk-in Tub / Shower				
<b>NOTES</b>				

OUTDOOR SPACE	NEED	BIG WANT	SMALL WANT	DON'T CARE
Yard				
Fenced Yard				
Trees / Landscaping / Garden				
Automatic Sprinklers				
Deck				
Patio				
Covered Porch				
Courtyard				
Pool				
Outbuildings:				
<b>NOTES</b>				