

FINDING THE RIGHT HOME FOR YOU

Needs & Wants Checklist

Add details or other information as desired for each item to make your wants and needs perfectly clear. For example, you can list the proximity desired to the elementary school, or list specific communities or neighborhoods. It will help to prioritize your Needs and Wants once you've completed the checklist. Consider both the present and the future. Keep in mind when house hunting that wants can often be changed or added in a particular home. Also understand that your Budget is the determining factor in whether or not to pursue a home that meets your criteria.

TYPE	Need	Want	Don't Want
Single-Family			
Town home			
Condo			
Mobile home or Manufactured			
New			
Existing			
Other:			
LOCATION			
Central City			
Suburbs			
Outlying			
Country			
Other:			
Near			
Job			
Schools			
Friends and/or Family			
Place of Worship			
Parks			
Public Transportation			
Airport			
Expressway			
Neighborhood shopping			
Large Shopping Mall			
Entertainment/Restaurants/Theaters			
Other:			

CONDITION	Need	Want	Don't Want
Move-in Condition			
Fixer-upper			

Needs minor work or remodeling			
Other:			
STYLE			
Number of Levels:			
Traditional			
Contemporary			
Ranch/Rambler			
Two-story			
Tudor			
Victorian			
Split-level			
Colonial			
Other:			
EXTERIOR			
Brick			
Stucco			
Aluminum siding			
Vinyl siding			
Wood frame			
Other:			
SYSTEMS			
Boiler, furnace, oil tank (circle preference)			
Central air conditioning			
Security			
Internet/Cable ready			
Water: well or city, water softener			
Other:			
FLOOR PLAN			
Basement			
Finished basement			
Attic			
Formal foyer			
Formal living room			
Great room			
Family room			
Formal dining room			
Office			
Recreational room			
Mud room			
Laundry room			
Actual, livable square footage:			
Other:			

BATHROOMS			
Number:			
Shower			
Tub			
Jacuzzi			
Double sinks			
Dressing area			
Other:			
BEDROOMS			
Number:			
Master suite			
First-floor Master suite			
Rooms for future children/elderly relatives			
All bedrooms on one level			
Walk-in closets			
Other:			
KITCHEN			
Countertop materials:			
Type, Brand or New Appliances			
Garbage Disposal			
Garbage Compactor			
Dishwasher			
Oven style (gas, electric, etc.)			
Eating area in kitchen			
Desk area			
Pantry			
Center Island			
Other:			
GARAGE/PARKING			
Size:			
Street parking available			
Paved driveway			
Size and/or shape of driveway:			
Reserved or deeded spot (for condos)			
Other:			
SPECIAL FEATURES			
<i>Interior:</i>			
Fireplace			
Vaulted ceilings			
High ceilings			
Wood floors			
Ceiling fans			

Built-in cabinets/entertainment center			
Bay Windows, Skylights			
Extra storage space			
First or second floor laundry			
Other:			
Exterior:			
Lot Size:			
Out buildings:			
Good view			
Natural light			
Back yard			
Garden			
Play area			
Screened porch			
Patio/Deck			
Front porch			
Fenced yard			
Barbecue area			
Outdoor lighting			
Mature trees and/or shrubs			
Landscaping			
Maintenance provided by a homeowners association			
Other:			
Community/Neighborhood:			
Highly-rated schools			
Swimming pool			
Tennis Courts			
Golf Course			
Parks			
Park programs/activities			
Health clubs			
Sidewalks			
Bike Trails			
Local college			
Other:			
Lifestyle: (Daily or frequent travel, recreation, hobbies and other personal preferences that effect the location and features of your home)			