

House-Hunting Checklist



OVERVIEW:

Whether you're a first-time buyer or a veteran, it's essential to be prepared when searching for a home.

As you navigate your quest for your new abode, utilize this checklist to help ensure that you set yourself up for success.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- **House-Hunting Checklist**
A list of steps to follow when searching for your dream home

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Find a lender

- Obtain preapproval
- Determine your budget and price limit
- Learn about your lending options
- Confirm the homebuying timeline

Create a wish list

Write down your needs and wants regarding:

- Location
- Proximity to transportation, amenities, and services
- Size and type of home
- Number and type of rooms
- Home features

Do your research

- Attend open houses
- Look into general housing trends as well as local markets
- Assess the key features of a neighborhood
- Review its Walk, Bike, and Transit Scores

Evaluate home tours

Take notes on aspects such as:

- Appeal of the neighborhood and location
- Overall condition of the house
- Needed repairs and upgrades
- Age and condition of major systems and appliances