

Creating Your Home Wish List

What Does Your Future Home Look Like?

Before you embark on your search for the perfect home, you need to know what it looks like.

Many home buyers make the mistake of misinterpreting a WANT as a NEED; and, as a result, they often dismiss homes that perfectly fit their needs in search for one that has their wants. It is important that you make a realistic "Wish List" in an attempt to narrow your choices. Revealing your true priorities to yourself will save you endless time and frustration during your home search. Hunting for a home can be a time-consuming process so it is important to have a realistic picture of what you want and need in a home and what your budget allows.

Please complete this "Wish List" by determining which features and benefits are needs or wants. This will help you prioritize and expedite your search and will also help us serve your needs better during your home search.

Financial	Needs	Wants
Price of home		
Monthly payment		

Location	Needs	Wants
What city/town?		
Urban, suburban or rural?		
School District?		
Distance to work? Commute time?		
Distance to school/family/friends?		
Type of neighborhood?		
Proximity to airport, retail, parks,...?		
Access to freeways, public transp,...?		
Waterfront, views, power lines, RR...?		
Quiet street, cul-de-sac,...?		
Walking neighborhood, to retail,...?		

Style and Structure	Needs	Wants
Style/stories: ranch, 2-story, split entry...?		
Single-family, condo, townhome,...?		
Age: historic, new, range of years built?		
Basement: Y/N, walkout, finished?		
Garage: attached? # stalls/cars/doors?		

Floor Plan	Needs	Wants
Number of bedrooms?		
Number of bathrooms?		
Total square feet?		
Finished square feet?		
Traditional or open floor plan?		
Ceiling height?		
Formal/informal dining room?		
Kitchen size? Eat-in kitchen?		
Appliances: dishwasher, disposal...?		
Updated kitchen, granite, SS appliances?		
Living room and family room?		
Master suite/bath?		

Interior Features & Amenities	Needs	Wants
Flooring: hardwood, tile, carpet...?		
Fireplace?		
Office/den?		
Playroom? Rec room?		
Exercise room? Sauna?		
Workshop/studio?		
Walk-in closets?		
Storage room/space?		
Whirlpool bath?		
Laundry room/location: main floor...?		
Porch: 3 or 4-season, sunroom?		
Security system?		
In-law suite?		
Handicap accessible?		

Heating & A/C	Needs	Wants
Energy efficient?		
Forced air heat?		
Central air conditioning?		
Fireplace: wood, gas?		
Woodstove?		

Exterior Features & Amenities	Needs	Wants
Lot size?		
Type of lot: wooded...?		
Extra parking?		
Landscaping, garden?		
Sprinkler system?		
Patio, sidewalk?		
Deck, porch?		
Pool: in-ground/above ground?		
Hot tub?		
Shed, pole barn?		
Fenced-in yard?		
Association maintained?		

Other	Needs	Wants

According to the National Association of Realtors:
 In 2015, the typical home buyer searched for 10 weeks and viewed 10 homes.

“My job is not to show you every house on the market. My job is to show you the **right house.**”

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