

HOME BUYER WISHLIST

Sometimes it's hard to keep everything that you're looking for in a home in mind. However, when you're talking to Realtors, it's important to give them as much information as possible so they can help you find that "perfect" house. This is an extremely detailed checklist of things you may or may not be looking for -- filling it out will take some time, but will help clarify exactly what's important, and what's not, as you start searching for a home.

Check all answers that apply to each question, and add any additional information you would like your Realtor to know. You can either fill this out and give it to your Realtor, or just have a copy in hand to remind yourself about what to think about when you're looking at houses.

When answering certain questions, please use the following scale:

- 1 - Must have
- 2 - Would really like to have
- 3 - Would like to have, but can do without
- 4 - Do not need/want at all
- 5 - Absolutely do NOT want

1. Will this be the first time you've purchased a home? Yes No

2. Do you currently own a home? Yes No

3. If yes, do you need to sell your current home before purchasing? Yes No

4. What is your target price range?

5. Have you obtained financing for the home purchase? Yes No

6. How soon are you looking to buy?

7. Are you currently living in the general area in which you're looking to buy? Yes No

8. Geographic area (towns / zip codes / counties) you're looking in – preferred town / distance range:

9. If you're looking for a specific town, please state the reason (work, friends/family, school, etc):

10. How many people will be living in the home? Adults: Children:

11. If you have children, list their current ages:

12. Are you planning on having any/additional children? Yes No Undecided

13. Do you want to be close to an Elementary / Middle / High School? 1 2 3 4 5

14. Do you want a College / University in your town/city or close by? 1 2 3 4 5

15. Do you have any pets? Yes No

16. Do you want any/more pets? Yes No

17. If you answered either of the above questions as "Yes," how many and what kind do you have/want?

18. Do you have any hobbies? Yes No

19. If yes, please describe them:

20. How many vehicles do you currently have?

21. Do you want a garage? 1 2 3 4 5

22. Do you want to be close to an exercise area (walking/bike path, track, etc)? 1 2 3 4 5

23. What is your preferred type of home? (check all that apply): Condominium Colonial Victorian

Slab Ranch Cape Split Level 2-Family 3-Family Farm

Unsure Doesn't Matter Other

24. If you checked "Other," please describe:

25. How many levels do you want? (check all that apply) 1 2 3 Doesn't Matter

26. Describe your living style: on a scale of 1 (minimalist/neat freak) to 5 (total clutter), where do you fall?

1 2 3 4 5

27. On a scale of 1 to 5, are you a "Do It Yourself" person for fixing things (1) or do you have others do the work (5)?

1 2 3 4 5

28. Do you have any medical conditions/concerns that impact housing?

29. Do you need wheelchair accessibility? Yes No

30. Do you need any other special disability-related equipment?

31. Do you want an "In-law Apartment?" Yes No

32. Do you want a home office? Yes No

33. Do you want a living room? Yes No

34. Do you want a dining room? Yes No

35. Where do you eat most of your meals? Kitchen Dining Room Living Room Other

36. If you checked "Other," please describe:

37. On a scale of 1 (rarely/a few friends visit occasionally) to 5 (house always filled), how often do you entertain?

1 2 3 4 5

38. If you entertain, describe your style (check all that apply): Casual Dining Formal Dining Small Parties

Formal Parties Childrens Parties Indoor/Outdoor Parties Holiday Parties Other

39. If you checked "Other," please describe:

40. How much natural light in the house do you want (1 minimum, 5 maximum)? 1 2 3 4 5

41. What is your preferred yard size? (check all that apply) Small (less than 1/4 acre)

Medium (1/4 - 1/2 acre) Large (1/2 to 3/4 acre) Extra Large (3/4+ acre) Doesn't Matter

42. How important is landscaping in your yard (1 - very important, 5 - not)? 1 2 3 4 5

43. Do you do your own landscaping (1) or hire a landscaper (5)? 1 2 3 4 5

44. Do you want a large front porch? 1 2 3 4 5

45. Do you want a screened porch? 1 2 3 4 5

46. Do you want a white picket fence in your front yard? 1 2 3 4 5

47. Do you want a fenced-in back yard? 1 2 3 4 5

48. Do you want a patio? 1 2 3 4 5

49. If yes, what type? In-ground Above ground Doesn't Matter

50. Do you want a pool? 1 2 3 4 5

51. Do you want to be near a park? 1 2 3 4 5

52. Do you want to be near a beach? 1 2 3 4 5

53. Do you want to be close to a mall/shopping center? 1 2 3 4 5

54. Do you want to be close to public transportation for commuting? Yes No Doesn't Matter

55. Do you want to be close to major highways for commuting? Yes No Doesn't Matter

56. If yes, any particular road(s)?

57. Do you want a quiet neighborhood/street (1) or a busy one (5)? 1 2 3 4 5

58. How important to you is it to know/interact with your neighbors, on a scale of 1 (hermit) to 5 (social butterfly)?

1 2 3 4 5

59. What type of neighbors/neighborhood do you want?

60. What type of neighbors/neighborhood do you NOT want?

61. On a scale of 1 (absolutely) to 5 (absolutely not), do you want to live in a multicultural community?

1 2 3 4 5

62. How important is it to you to be "green?" (1 - very important, 5 - not) 1 2 3 4 5

63. What type of heat do you prefer? Gas Oil Electric Doesn't Matter Other

64. If you checked "Other," please describe:

65. Do you want a home that is move-in ready (1) or a "fixer-upper" (5)? 1 2 3 4 5

66. What size home are you looking for? Small (less than 1000 sq ft) Medium (1000 to 2000 sq ft)

Large (2000 to 3000 sq ft) Extra Large (3000+ sq ft) Doesn't Matter

67. MINIMUM number of bedrooms needed? 1 2 3 4 5 6 6+

68. MINIMUM number of bathrooms needed? 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4+

69. Anything else? Comments, concerns, etc...