

House Hunting Checklist

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Home Location: _____

Address: _____

Asking Price: _____

Annual Property Taxes: _____

Mortgage Terms: _____

Zoning Restrictions (ask the REALTOR®): _____

The Home's Exterior

Lot Details

- Lot size/shape: _____
- Landscaping condition: good/moderate/poor
- Position of home on lot (compass directions): _____
- Driveway: private/shared
- General lot condition: good/moderate/poor
- Front yard: sm/med/lg
- Side yard: sm/med/lg
- Rear yard: sm/med/lg
- Mature trees, shrubs, etc: yes/no
- Curb appeal: good/moderate/poor
- Condition of walkways: good/moderate/poor

Structure Details

- Number of stories: 1/2/3/4
- Type of home: _____
- Siding: brick/brick veneer/wood/aluminum/combination
- Condition of siding & paint: good/moderate/poor
- Garage: attached/detached/one-car/two-car
- Parking: uncovered/one paid space/ two paid spaces
- Front porch: covered/enclosed

- Fenced front yard: yes/no
- Fenced backyard: yes/no
- Eaves troughs and downspouts: good/moderate/poor
- Patio/deck: good/moderate/poor
- Swimming pool: above/below/indoor/outdoor/none
- General pool condition: good/moderate/poor
- Storage shed: yes/no
- Type of roof: _____
- General roof condition: good/moderate/poor
- Recent roof repairs: yes/no
- Repair Receipts: yes/no
- Roof Age: _____
- Type of foundation: raised well above ground/visible cracks

The Home's Interior

Doors & Windows

- Windows: single pane/thermopane
- General window condition: good/moderate/poor
- Door locks/latches work: yes/no

Kitchen

- General size/colours: _____
- Eat-in area: yes/no
- Cooking food/prep island: yes/no
- Sufficient cupboard space: yes/no
- Sufficient counter space: yes/no
- Countertop type/condition: _____
- Floor type/condition: _____
- Pantry: yes/no
- Sink: single/double
- Appliances included: yes/no
- General appliance condition: good/moderate/poor

Family/Living Room

- Fireplace: yes/no
- Living room floor type/condition: _____
- Separate dining room: yes/no
- Dining room floor type/condition: _____

Other Home Details

- Square footage: _____
- Foyer closet: yes/no
- Soundproof & fireproof shared walls: yes/no

Bathrooms

- No. of Bathrooms: _____
- Ensuite bathroom: yes/no
- Floor type/condition: _____

Bedrooms

- No. of Bedrooms: _____
- Floor type/condition: _____
- Closets: yes/no

Basement

- Adequate headroom: yes/no
- Finished: yes/no
- Door to outside: yes/no
- Utility area (laundry): yes/no
- Storage areas: yes/no
- Cracks in walls/floor: yes/no
- Drained or sump pump: _____
- Evidence of flood/moisture: yes/no
- Recent renovations: yes/no
- General condition: _____

Electrical System

- General condition: _____

- Sufficient outlets: yes/no
- Amperage: _____
- Switches: fuses/circuit breakers
- Wiring: aluminum/copper wiring
- Meets current codes: yes/no

Plumbing

- Copper pipes: yes/no
- Signs of leaks: yes/no
- Recent repairs: yes/no
- Age: _____
- Meets current codes: yes/no

Water Service

- Source: city/well
- Well: dug/drilled
- Does well ever run dry: yes/no
- Capacity: _____
- Age of pump: _____
- Size of feeder line from well to house: _____
- Water agreement: yes/no
- Water quality tested for potability: yes/no

Sewage/Septic System

- Type: sewage/septic
- Where's septic field: _____
- Holding tank & system recently checked: yes/no

Heating

- Type: oil/gas/electric/steam/baseboard/heat pump/combination
- Age: _____
- Output: _____
- Recent repairs: _____

Air Conditioning

- Type: window/central
- Age: _____
- Size: _____
- Recent repairs: _____

Hot Water Heater

- Contract: leased/owned
- Type: gas/electric
- No. of gallons: _____
- Efficiency: _____
- Age: _____

Insulation:

- Type: _____
- Rating: _____
- Asbestos or UFFI: yes/no

Community

Check all that apply. Close to:

- Schools
- City services (fire/police/hospital)
- Medical (doctor, dentist)
- Shopping (grocery, pharmacy)
- Parks
- Playgrounds
- Day care
- Recreation/community centre
- Public swimming pool
- Public tennis courts
- Golf course
- Skating arena
- Hockey arena
- Restaurants

- Gas station
- Theatres
- Public library
- Major roads/highways
- Places of worship
- Possible problems: train tracks/congestion/on busy or noisy main road

Local Neighbourhood

Check all that apply:

- Urban/suburban/rural
- Older/newer
- Type of homes: _____
- Age group of homeowners: _____
- Quiet streets
- Adequate street lights
- Visible power/telephone lines
- Well-cared for homes/yards
- Sidewalks
- General condition:
- Space between homes
- Adequate street parking/overnight parking restrictions
- Possible problems: poorly maintained roads