

# House Hunting Checklist

## Home Location

- ..... Address
- ..... Asking Price
- ..... Annual Property Taxes
- ..... Mortgage Terms
- ..... Zoning Restrictions (ask the REALTOR®)

## THE HOME'S EXTERIOR

Lot size/shape

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Number of stories

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Position of home on lot (compass directions)

Private

Shared driveway

## Siding

- Brick
- Brick veneer
- Wood
- Aluminum
- Combination

General condition

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Condition of siding and paint

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- Large front yard
- Side yard
- Rear yard

- Attached
- Detached
- Garage
- One-car garage
- Two-car garage
- Uncovered parking
- Pad parking spaces
- one
- two

Landscaping condition

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Mature trees, shrubs, etc.

Soil type/condition

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Condition of walkways to front door

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Home's appearance from street

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- Covered front porch
- Enclosed front porch

Type of home (detached, duplex etc.)

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Large backyard; fenced?

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Backyard privacy?

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Type of foundation: Raised well above ground?

Visible cracks?

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Patio/decking

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Structural appearance: Straight lines, corners?

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Swimming pool (Above-ground)

Swimming pool (Below-ground)

Storage shed

Possible problems?

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Type of roof/general condition/age

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The home's interior

(room sizes can be taken from MLS® listing)

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Recent roof repairs; What was done? Receipts?

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Separate front hallway

Closet for winter coats

Soundproofing between shared walls

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Eaves troughs and downspouts

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## DOORS/WINDOWS

### Types of windows.

- Single pane .....
- Thermopane .....
- Open and close without sticking? .....

General condition

Locks and latches work?

## KITCHEN

General size/colours

Sufficient countertop space

Type of countertop/condition

- Eat-in area .....
- Cooking/food-preparation island .....
- Sufficient cupboard space/condition .....
- Pantry .....
- Single sink .....
- Double sink .....

Floor type/condition

Condition

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### OTHER ROOMS

Number of bedrooms

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Floor type/condition

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Windows: Number, size

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Number of bathrooms

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Ensuite bathroom?

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Floor type/condition

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### Family/living room

Fireplace/wood-burning stove

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Floor type/condition

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Separate dining room

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Floor type/condition

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## BASEMENT

<input type="checkbox"/> Adequate headroom	General condition
<input type="checkbox"/> Finished?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Door to outside	
<input type="checkbox"/> Utility area (washer/dryer sold with house)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Storage areas	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cracks in wall or floors	
<input type="checkbox"/> Drained or sump pump	
<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of flood/moisture?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Recent renovations	
<input type="checkbox"/> Done by seller or professionally: ask to see receipts	

## SYSTEMS

### Electrical

Amperage, fuses or circuit breakers, adequate outlets, general condition, aluminum or copper wiring, meet current codes

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### Plumbing

Copper pipes or other material, signs of leaks; recent repairs; age; meet current codes?

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### Water service

City-supplied or well, if well, drilled or dug?  
Ever run dry?  
Water quality recently tested for potability?  
Capacity, age of pump, size of feeder line from well to house, water agreement?

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### Sewer or septic system

If septic; where is septic field?  
Holding tank and system recently checked?

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### Heating:

Type (oil, gas, electric, steam, baseboard combination, heat pump) age, output, recent repairs

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### Air-conditioning:

Type (window, central), age; size, recent repairs

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### Hot-water heater

Leased or owned, gas or electric, number of gallons, efficiency, age

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### Insulation

Type, rating, any asbestos or UFFI?

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Ask to see copies of recent utility bills

### Cable TV service

Adequate room outlets

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## COMMUNITY

### Close to:

- Schools
- City services (fire, police, hospital)
- Medical (doctor, dentist, etc.)
- Shopping (grocery, pharmacy, etc.)
- Parks
- Playgrounds
- Day care
- Recreation centre
- Public swimming pool
- Public tennis courts
- Golf course
- Skating rink
- Hockey arena/ball park
- Restaurants
- Theaters
- Public library
- Places of worship
- Major roads/highways
- Public transportation
- Possible problems  
(traffic congestion, train tracks, industrial sites)

### Local neighbourhood

- Urban, suburban, rural
- Older or newer; estimate age
- Types of homes  
(detached, link or semidetached, apartments, etc)
- Age group of homeowners
- Quiet streets
- Adequate street lights
- Visible power and telephone lines
- Well-cared-for homes and yards
- Sidewalks; general condition
- Space between homes
- Adequate street parking, overnight parking restrictions?
- Possible problems (junked cars, poorly maintained roads, poor drainage, etc.)

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