

Homebuyers Checklist

Before you start looking for a home, make a list of all the features you and your family want or need. Every time you visit a home, fill in the following checklist by putting a check mark (✓) beside the chosen feature. Compare each home you visit to the list of features you are looking for, to find out which one best meets your needs.

Is the home new or resale?	<input type="checkbox"/> Resale <input type="checkbox"/> New
What kind of home is it?	<input type="checkbox"/> Detached <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-detached <input type="checkbox"/> Townhouse <input type="checkbox"/> Duplex <input type="checkbox"/> High-rise <input type="checkbox"/> Low-rise <input type="checkbox"/> Condominium <input type="checkbox"/> Freehold
How old is the home?	# Years:
How large is the lot?	<input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Large
Is it on a quiet street?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What is the exterior finish?	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum siding <input type="checkbox"/> Wood <input type="checkbox"/> Vinyl siding <input type="checkbox"/> Combination brick and siding
What is the foundation made of?	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> Preserved <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete block
How many bedrooms are there?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4+
How many bathrooms?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3+
How is the home heated?	<input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Oil <input type="checkbox"/> Electric <input type="checkbox"/> Wood
Does it have air conditioning?	<input type="checkbox"/> Central <input type="checkbox"/> Window
Does the master bedroom have its own bathroom? Walk-in-Closet?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Is there a bathroom on the ground floor?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there an eat-in kitchen?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
A separate dining room?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
A separate family room?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
A fireplace or woodstove?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
A spare room for an office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the basement have enough space for storage or a workshop?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there a deck or patio?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
A private driveway?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
A garage or carport?	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Carport <input type="checkbox"/> Neither
Does the home have a security system?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the home accessible (for seniors or people with a disability)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
How close is the home (in kms) to: Your work and your spouse's work	_____ Public Transportation _____ Schools and Daycare _____ Shopping Parks/Playgrounds _____ Recreational Facilities _____ Place of Worship _____ Police Station/Fire Station _____ Hospital Doctor/Dentist _____ Veterinarian

Sources: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation - <http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/>

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