



Home Buying Checklist

Use this checklist when visiting a home. You may want to make several copies of this checklist and fill one out for each home you tour. Then, comparing your ratings later will be easy.

THE HOME

	Good	Average	Poor
Square footage	_____	_____	_____
Exterior appearance/ cond.	_____	_____	_____
Lawn / yard space	_____	_____	_____
Fence	_____	_____	_____
Patio or deck	_____	_____	_____
Garage	_____	_____	_____
Roof: age & condition	_____	_____	_____
Gutters or downspouts	_____	_____	_____
Screens, storm windows	_____	_____	_____
Number of bedrooms	_____	_____	_____
Number of baths	_____	_____	_____
Floor plan	_____	_____	_____
Condition of walls	_____	_____	_____
Basement	_____	_____	_____
Basement dampness/ odor	_____	_____	_____
Fireplace	_____	_____	_____
Cable TV/ Internet	_____	_____	_____
Attic condition/ dampness	_____	_____	_____

SCHOOLS

	Good	Average	Poor
Age/ condition	_____	_____	_____
Reputation	_____	_____	_____
Quality of teachers	_____	_____	_____
Achievement test scores	_____	_____	_____
Play areas	_____	_____	_____
Curriculum	_____	_____	_____
Class size	_____	_____	_____
Busing distance	_____	_____	_____

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

	Good	Average	Poor
Appearance/ condition of nearby	_____	_____	_____
Homes/ businesses	_____	_____	_____
Traffic	_____	_____	_____
Noise Level	_____	_____	_____
Safety/ Security	_____	_____	_____
Age mix of neighbors	_____	_____	_____
Number of children	_____	_____	_____
Pet restrictions	_____	_____	_____
Parking	_____	_____	_____
Zoning Regulations	_____	_____	_____
Fire protection	_____	_____	_____
Police	_____	_____	_____
Snow removal	_____	_____	_____
Garbage Service	_____	_____	_____

CONVENIENCE TO:

	Good	Average	Poor
Supermarket	_____	_____	_____
Schools	_____	_____	_____
Work	_____	_____	_____
Shopping	_____	_____	_____
Child care	_____	_____	_____
Recreation/ Parks	_____	_____	_____
Hospitals	_____	_____	_____
Doctor/ dentist	_____	_____	_____
Restaurants/ entertainment	_____	_____	_____
Church/ synagogue	_____	_____	_____
Airport	_____	_____	_____
Highways	_____	_____	_____
Public transportation	_____	_____	_____