

Home Buyer Checklist

“What makes a house a home?”

Use this checklist to look at three homes in a side-by-side comparison:

	House 1	House 2	House 3
Address	_____	_____	_____
Asking Price	_____	_____	_____
Real Estate Taxes	_____	_____	_____
The Neighborhood:			
Near Work	_____	_____	_____
Near Shopping	_____	_____	_____
Near Expressways	_____	_____	_____
Near Public Transportation	_____	_____	_____
Near Doctors / Dentists	_____	_____	_____
Near Churches	_____	_____	_____
Garbage Collection	_____	_____	_____
Street Lights	_____	_____	_____
Sidewalks	_____	_____	_____
Streets Well Maintained	_____	_____	_____
Traffic Volume	_____	_____	_____
Parks	_____	_____	_____
Neighbors' Property Well Maintained	_____	_____	_____
All Utilities Installed	_____	_____	_____
Neighborhood Restrictions	_____	_____	_____
Near Train Tracks / Airport	_____	_____	_____
Area Zoned Residential	_____	_____	_____
Flooding Danger	_____	_____	_____
The Schools:			
School District Name	_____	_____	_____
District Website	_____	_____	_____
District Start & End Dates	_____	_____	_____
Student / Teacher Ratio	_____	_____	_____
Before & After School Programs	_____	_____	_____
Gifted & Talented Programs	_____	_____	_____
Percent of College - Bound Seniors	_____	_____	_____



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The House Features:			
Age of House	_____	_____	_____
Number of Stories	_____	_____	_____
Frame Type	_____	_____	_____
Siding Type	_____	_____	_____
Roof Condition	_____	_____	_____
Foundation Condition	_____	_____	_____
Overall Exterior Condition	_____	_____	_____
Garage Size	_____	_____	_____
Number of Bathrooms	_____	_____	_____
Number of Closets	_____	_____	_____
Number of Bedrooms	_____	_____	_____
Heating Type	_____	_____	_____
Central Air Conditioning	_____	_____	_____
Energy-Conservation Features	_____	_____	_____
Age of Heating System	_____	_____	_____
Age of Water Heater	_____	_____	_____
Capacity of Water Heater	_____	_____	_____
Age of Electrical Wiring	_____	_____	_____
Plumbing Condition	_____	_____	_____
Estimated Water Bill	_____	_____	_____
Estimated Electric Bill	_____	_____	_____
Living Room	_____	_____	_____
Fireplace	_____	_____	_____
Separate Dining Room	_____	_____	_____
Family Room	_____	_____	_____
Kitchen Eating Area	_____	_____	_____
Refrigerator	_____	_____	_____
Stove / Oven	_____	_____	_____
Garbage Disposal	_____	_____	_____
Dishwasher	_____	_____	_____
Broken Windows	_____	_____	_____
Storm Windows / Screens	_____	_____	_____
Washer / Dryer	_____	_____	_____
Laundry Space	_____	_____	_____
Finished Basement	_____	_____	_____
Attic	_____	_____	_____
Sump Pump / Drainage	_____	_____	_____
Patio / Deck	_____	_____	_____
Backyard Fence	_____	_____	_____
Landscaping	_____	_____	_____
Ability to Expand	_____	_____	_____

