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FIND A HOME THAT'S YOUR PERFECT FIT

You only buy your first home once. So it should be a house that's just right for you and your family. Your REALTOR® will help you meet your home buying needs, but you'll need to pinpoint what those needs are first. Whether you're dying to have an extra bedroom for special visits or can't stand the sound of freeways, starting with a prioritized list is the best way to quickly find a house you'll be happy to call home.

WHAT DO YOU NEED IN A HOME?

From convenience to community, there are a handful of things to consider before starting your search. Take a look at the list below to decide what you want, don't want, need and need to not have in order to have the perfect home for your lifestyle.

LOCATION

Whether you enjoy city life or would rather stay tucked away in the country, your home's location should reflect your lifestyle. Scope out different areas to see what suits you, from quaint small towns to urban spaces with nightly events, unique restaurants and local businesses.

PROXIMITY

Think about the places you visit most frequently and decide which needs to be closest to your home, such as your office or a grocery store. If you don't drive, you may want to be walking distance from public transit. If you do, it may be beneficial to be close to a highway or away from high-traffic areas.

RESALE VALUE

Even when you buy the home of your dreams, there's always a chance you'll move again in the future. To prepare for life events such as job opportunities or a growing family, you should consider elements that raise your home's resale value such as required regular maintenance and updates to older features.



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FAMILY NEEDS

If you have children or simply want them in the future, it's important to consider their needs as well. You may want to be within a certain school zone, or close to play areas like parks. See whether the neighbors in the area have kids and look online for reviews of the neighborhood.

NUMBER OF ROOMS

You may be buying a house for two, but there are a few reasons you may want some extra rooms. Whether you plan on growing your family or want guest rooms and office spaces, it's important to know exactly how many rooms you'll need for a house to be just right for you.

OUTDOOR SPACES

When you're thinking about your home buying needs, don't forget outside the house too. If you have kids or pets, or just want a place to soak up the sunshine, you may want a fenced-in backyard or a cozy porch. If a backyard sounds like more maintenance than fun, you may want a home without one.

HOME STYLE

Perhaps you've always wanted red brick walls. Or maybe you love the Dutch Colonial look. Think about whether there are certain home styles you'd rather drive past than move into. Keeping an open mind to multiple styles at the beginning of your home search will help you narrow down your preferences as you continue to look.

ADDITIONS

During the cold months, maybe you enjoy sitting by a fireplace or perhaps you'd like a reading nook for those rainy days. Think about additions like these, as well as kitchen islands, laundry rooms and large pantries you'd like in your home. Then consider what you can build yourself and what you can't.



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