



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	___	___	___