

Home Buyer Checklist

1. Location & Neighborhood

- ☐ Commute time to work or school
- ☐ Proximity to amenities (grocery, hospitals, parks)
- ☐ School district quality (if applicable)
- ☐ Noise levels and traffic in the area
- ☐ Future development or zoning changes
- ☐ Crime rates and neighborhood safety

2. Exterior of the Home

- ☐ Roof age and condition
- ☐ Siding, brick, or exterior finish condition
- ☐ Foundation cracks or water pooling around the base
- ☐ Gutter and drainage system condition
- ☐ Condition of driveway, walkways, fences, and landscaping
- ☐ Garage door and exterior lighting functionality

3. Interior Layout & Condition

- ☐ Adequate number of bedrooms and bathrooms
- ☐ Natural light and window condition
- ☐ Ceiling height and room flow
- ☐ Wall cracks, stains, or damage
- ☐ Condition of flooring (carpet, wood, tile, etc.)
- ☐ Storage space (closets, attic, basement)

4. Systems & Appliances

- ☐ Age and condition of HVAC system
- ☐ Water heater age and capacity
- ☐ Electrical panel and outlet condition
- ☐ Plumbing (water pressure, visible leaks)
- ☐ Washer/dryer, refrigerator, oven functionality
- ☐ Insulation and energy efficiency

5. Safety & Maintenance

- ☐ Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors installed
- ☐ Functioning locks on all doors and windows
- ☐ Pest signs (termites, rodents, etc.)
- ☐ Basement/crawl space moisture or odor
- ☐ Mold or mildew in bathrooms, basement, or HVAC
- ☐ Emergency exits and egress windows

6. Financial Considerations

- ☐ Estimated monthly mortgage payment
- ☐ Property taxes and homeowners insurance cost
- ☐ HOA fees and rules (if applicable)
- ☐ Estimated maintenance and renovation costs
- ☐ Pre-approval from a lender
- ☐ Compare similar homes in the neighborhood