

## House Hunting Checklist

### General Questions

- \_\_\_\_\_ Age of house?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Style of house?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Number of bedrooms?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Number of bathrooms?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Enough closet space?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Enough storage space?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Enough division of space between family room and bedrooms (for privacy and quiet)?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Room for expansion?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Square footage of house?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Main floor (should have the most square footage)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Upstairs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Basement

### Roof:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Age and condition?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Shingles in good shape?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any leakage or discoloration?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any sign of sagging?

### Foundation:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Evidence of cracks or seepage?

### Rooms in house:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Floors level?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Natural lighting?
- \_\_\_\_\_ New carpeting?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Kitchen appliances in good condition?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Washer and Dryer included?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Basement dry with no water damage?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Property tax rates: Reasonable?

### Walls:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Any stains or unevenly painted surfaces?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any replastering or retiling?

### Windows:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Age? Insulated?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Water damage?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Weather stripping in place?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Window dressings included with house?

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### Any evidence of pests:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Mousetraps?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Slug trails?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Termites (small piles of sawdust)?

### House Location Neighborhood:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Attractive?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Variety of house designs?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Appealing streetscape?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Trees?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Houses maintained properly?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Adequate street lights?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other children - to play with your child?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Town Watch in effect?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Good police and fire departments?

### House lot:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Attractive landscaping?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Private?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nice view from the windows?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Good paint job?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fence?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Garage?

### House Utilities Heating:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Maximum use of sunlight?
- \_\_\_\_\_ What is monthly bill?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Heating fuel - gas or oil?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Age and condition of furnace?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Air Conditioning: Wall units or central?
- \_\_\_\_\_ What is monthly bill?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Electricity: Grounded outlets?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Was wiring professionally done?
- \_\_\_\_\_ At least two outlets per room?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Plumbing: Check all taps - good pressure?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do any faucets drip?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any evidence of leakage underneath fixtures?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Shut-off valves at each fixture?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Water: Annual water bill?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Age and condition of water heater?

### Sewage system:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Adequate?

### Storm drainage:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Any evidence of water damage?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Plants growing out of the gutters?

### Utilities:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Reasonable rates?

### Garbage removal:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Do you pay extra?

### Security:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Solid front door?
- \_\_\_\_\_ What kinds of locks used?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do windows have security latches?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Smoke detectors in proper places?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Facilities nearby?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Library?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Schools?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Supermarket?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Parks?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Public Transportation?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital?
- \_\_\_\_\_ How close to your job?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Good route?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Low traffic pattern?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Safe neighborhood?
- \_\_\_\_\_ No factories or vacant houses nearby?
- \_\_\_\_\_ No evidentiary litter or pollution?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Good school system?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Value of other neighborhood homes?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Same as yours?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Zoning laws to protect the neighborhood?

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