

House Hunting Checklist

THE HOME'S EXTERIOR

Lot Size / Shape _____

Number of Stories _____

Position of home on lot (Compass directions) _____

Private _____

Shared Driveway _____

General Condition

Large Front Yard

Side Yard

Rear Yard

Siding

Brick

Wood

Combination

Brick Veneer

Aluminum

Other _____

Condition of Siding and Paint _____

Landscaping Condition

Mature Trees, Shrubs, etc.

Soil Type / Condition _____

Home's Appearance from the Street _____

Type of Home (Detached, Duplex, etc.)

Attached

Garage

2 Car Garage

Pad Parking Spaces

Detached

1 Car Garage

Uncovered Parking

Visitor Parking

Condition of Walkways to Front Door _____

Covered Front Porch

Enclosed Front Porch

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THE HOME'S EXTERIOR CONTINUED

Large Backyard? Fenced ?

Backyard Privacy?

Patio / Decking

Aboveground Swimming Pool

Below ground Swimming Pool

Storage Shed

Type of Roof / General Condition / Age

Recent Roof Repairs: What was done? Receipts?

Eavestroughs and Downspouts

Type of Foundation: Raised well above ground? Visible Cracks?

Structural Appearance: Straight Lines, Corners?

Possible Problems?

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THE HOME'S INTERIOR (room sizes can be taken from MLS listing)

Separate front Hallway

Closet for Winter Coats

Soundproofing between shared walls

Kitchen

General Size / Colours _____

- Eat-in Area Cooking/Food Preparation Island
 Pantry Sufficient Cupboard Space/Condition
 Single Sink Double Sink

General Condition _____

Sufficient Countertop Space? _____

Types of Countertop / Condition _____

Bedrooms

Number of Bedrooms _____

Floor Type / Condition _____

Windows: Number, Size _____

Bathrooms

Number of Bathrooms _____

Ensuite Bathroom?

Floor Type / Condition _____

Doors / Windows

Types of Windows _____

- Single Pane
 Thermopane
 Open and Close without Sticking?

General Condition _____

Locks and Latches Work? _____

Family / Living Rooms

Fireplace / Wood-Burning Stove _____

Floor Type / Condition _____

Separate Dining Room _____

Floor Type / Condition _____

Basement

O Adequate headroom?

O Finished?

O Door to outside?

O Utility Area

O Washer and Dryer sold with house?

O Storage Areas _____

O Cracks in wall or floors _____

O Drained or Sump Pump

O Evidence of Flood / Moisture?

Recent Renovations

O Done by Seller or Professionally - ask for Receipts

O General Condition

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Systems

-Electrical (Amperage, fuses or circuit breakers, adequate outlets, general condition, aluminum wiring, meet current codes?) _____

-Plumbing (Copper pipes or other material, signs of leaks, recent repairs, age, meet current codes?)

-Heating (What type - oil, gas, electric, steam, baseboard combination, heat pump.) Age, Output, Recent Repairs?

-Air Conditioning (What type - Window, Central) Age, Size, Recent Repairs?

-Hot Water Heater (Leased or Owned, Gas or Electric, Number of Gallons, Efficiency and Age?)

-Insulation (Type, Rating, any Asbestos or UFFI?)

-Water Service

City-Supplied?

Well? - Drilled or Dug?

Ever run dry?

Water quality recently tested for potability?

Capacity, age of pump, size of feeder line from well to house, water agreement? _____

-Sewer or Septic System

City Sewer Septic Where is Septic Field? _____

Holding tank and system recently checked? _____

Systems Continued

- **Heating** - Type (Oil, gas, electric, steam, baseboard combination, heat pump) age, output, recent repairs_____

- **Air Conditioning** - Type (Window, Central) age, size, recent repairs _____

- **Hot Water Heater** - Leased or Owned? Gas or Electric? Number of gallons, efficiency, age, recent repairs_____

- **Insulation** - Type, Rating, any asbestos or UFFI? _____

- **Utility Bills**

O Ask to see copies of recent bills

O Hydro \$ _____

O Fortis Gas \$ _____

O Property Taxes \$ _____

O Utilities (Water / Garbage) \$ _____

O Other _____ \$ _____

O Cable TV Service _____

O Adequate Room Outlets _____

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Community

Close to

- Schools
 - City Services (Fire, Police, Hospital)
 - Medical (Doctor, Dentist, Optometrist)
 - Shopping (Grocery, Pharmacy, Banking)
 - Parks
 - Playgrounds
 - Day Care
 - Recreation Centre
 - Public Swimming Pool
 - Public Tennis Courts
 - Public Ice Arena - Skating, Hockey, etc.
 - Golf Course
 - Ball Park
 - Restaurants
 - Theaters
 - Public Library
 - Places of Worship
 - Coffe Shops
 - Major Roads, Highways
 - Public Transportation
 - Possible Problems (Traffic congestion, train tracks, industrial sites) _____
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Local Neighbourhood

- Urban, Suburban, Rural
 - Older or newer - estimate age
 - Quiet Streets
 - Adequate street lights
 - Visible Power lines
 - Well-cared-for homes and yards
 - Sidewalks - general condition
 - Spaces between homes
 - Adequate street parking, overnight parking restrictions?
 - Possible problems (Junk cars, poorly maintained roads, poor drainage) _____
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Types of Homes

Detached, link or semi-detached, apartments, townhouse, condo? _____

Age of Homes

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Dream Home Checklist

NEEDS

Exterior

- Single Family detached home
- Fenced Backyard
- Semi-detached Home
- 1-storey Home
- 2-storey Home
- 3-storey Home
- Condominium
- Town Home
- Mature Trees

Interior

- 1 Bedroom
- 2 Bedrooms
- 3 Bedrooms
- 4 Bedrooms
- 5 Bedrooms
- 1 Bathroom
- 1.5 Bathrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- 3 Bathrooms
- Separate Dining Room
- Separate Family Room

WANTS

Exterior

- Large Lot and Yard
- Swimming Pool
- Home Divided into Apartments
- Low Maintenance Landscaping
- Other _____

Interior

- Fireplace(s)
- Walk-in Closet(s)
- Closet in Entranceway
- Eat-in Kitchen
- Other _____

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