

Home Buyer's Checklist



Print a few copies of this checklist and take them with you when you view potential new homes. The checklist makes it easier to remember little details when you sit down to compare the various properties you've seen.

Address	
Age of Home	
Date Listed	
Asking Price	
Occupancy Date	

Section One: The Structure

Type of home (condominium/town home/semi-detached/detached/row house/multi-unit residential)	
Type of construction (wood, brick veneer, block)	
Approximate square footage	
Number of stories	
Number of bedrooms	
Number of baths	
Number of closets	
Garage?	YES NO #
Parking?	YES NO #
MAJOR SYSTEMS	
HEATING	
Furnace type	OIL GAS AGE
Radiators	YES NO
COOLING	
Window air conditioning	YES NO AGE
Central air	YES NO AGE

PLUMBING	
Pipes	COPPER GALVANIZED
Sanitary system	SEWER SEPTIC TANK
Water source	WELL MUNICIPAL
Central humidifier	YES NO AGE

ELECTRICAL	
Wiring	KNOB/TUBE COPPER

Hint: Older homes may not have enough power outlets to accommodate the modern family's need for microwaves, computers, printers, televisions, game machines and other electrical devices.

Section Two: Additional Features

Fireplace	YES NO
Pool	YES NO

Section Three: What's included?

APPLIANCES	
Dishwasher	YES NO
Washer	YES NO
Dryer	YES NO
Refrigerator	YES NO
Stove	YES NO

WINDOWS	
Window coverings (curtains, sheers, vertical blinds, etc.)	YES NO
Electrical fixtures (chandeliers, sconces, outdoor lighting, etc.)	YES NO

OTHER	

Section Four: Location

Near schools?	YES NO DISTANCE
Near work?	YES NO DISTANCE
Access to public transportation?	YES NO DISTANCE
Near shopping centres?	YES NO DISTANCE
Near parks?	YES NO DISTANCE
Near expressway?	YES NO DISTANCE
Traffic volume on street?	LOW MED HIGH
Near airport/train tracks?	YES NO

Section Five: Estimated costs

Property tax	
Imminent repairs	
Security system upgrade or installation	
Changing locks	
Installing/upgrading fences	
Parking permit(s)	

Section Six: General condition of property

Rate on a scale of 1 to 5. 1 = poor condition/imminent work needed. 5 = perfect condition/exactly what you want.					
Doors and windows (check for cracks, signs of leakage)	1	2	3	4	5
Floors (consider type of floor and check for damage)	1	2	3	4	5
Exterior walls (type and condition)	1	2	3	4	5
Roof (ask about the age and look for bare spots on shingles)	1	2	3	4	5
Lawn and garden (external water and electrical outlets)	1	2	3	4	5
Garage (condition, electricity for garage door opener)	1	2	3	4	5