

# CHECKLIST FOR YOUR HOUSE HUNT

*Attach other printouts and pictures to this checklist.*

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF VISIT** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOUSE** \_\_\_\_\_

Asking price \_\_\_\_\_

Square footage \_\_\_\_\_

Price per square foot \_\_\_\_\_

FHA/VA financing \_\_\_\_\_

Other financing \_\_\_\_\_

Floor plan \_\_\_\_\_

Number of bedrooms/bathrooms \_\_\_\_\_

On what side does sun rise/set? \_\_\_\_\_

Real estate taxes \_\_\_\_\_

Number of stories \_\_\_\_\_

**SIZE OF ROOMS:**

Bedroom (master) \_\_\_\_\_

Bedroom 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Bedroom 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Bedroom 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Master bath \_\_\_\_\_

Master closet \_\_\_\_\_

Kitchen \_\_\_\_\_

Family dining area \_\_\_\_\_

Formal dining area \_\_\_\_\_

Living \_\_\_\_\_

Family room \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Year constructed \_\_\_\_\_

Builder \_\_\_\_\_

Parking \_\_\_\_\_

**INTERIOR:**

Appliances \_\_\_\_\_

Attic \_\_\_\_\_

Attic vents \_\_\_\_\_

Basement \_\_\_\_\_

Ceiling fans \_\_\_\_\_

Closets \_\_\_\_\_

Electric garage door opener \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated utility costs \_\_\_\_\_  
(ask to see bills)

Fireplace(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Floor covering \_\_\_\_\_

General condition \_\_\_\_\_

Heating/ventilation/central air \_\_\_\_\_

Humidifier \_\_\_\_\_

Insulation \_\_\_\_\_

Kitchen \_\_\_\_\_

Lead-based paints used? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Harmful if ingested, common in older homes)

Plumbing \_\_\_\_\_

Radon levels \_\_\_\_\_

Security system \_\_\_\_\_

Stairs \_\_\_\_\_

Utility room \_\_\_\_\_

Wallpaper \_\_\_\_\_

Walls (check for cracks) \_\_\_\_\_

Window coverings \_\_\_\_\_

Wiring \_\_\_\_\_

**EXTERIOR:**

Deck/porch/patio \_\_\_\_\_

Doors \_\_\_\_\_

Foundation/grading/drainage \_\_\_\_\_

Gutters and downspouts \_\_\_\_\_

Landscaping \_\_\_\_\_

Lot size \_\_\_\_\_

Pavement condition \_\_\_\_\_

Roof \_\_\_\_\_

Septic system \_\_\_\_\_

Siding materials \_\_\_\_\_  
Sprinkler system \_\_\_\_\_  
Swimming pool/hot tub \_\_\_\_\_  
Trees \_\_\_\_\_  
Windows (single/double paned) \_\_\_\_\_

**NEIGHBORHOOD:**

Security \_\_\_\_\_  
Snow removal \_\_\_\_\_  
Susceptibility to flood, earthquake, etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
Traffic \_\_\_\_\_  
Trash removal \_\_\_\_\_  
Accessibility during inclement weather \_\_\_\_\_  
Adjacent property (its zoning, owner(s), and intended use) \_\_\_\_\_  
Airports \_\_\_\_\_  
City services \_\_\_\_\_

**DRIVE TIME TO:**

Work \_\_\_\_\_  
Schools \_\_\_\_\_  
Shopping \_\_\_\_\_  
Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Major highways \_\_\_\_\_  
Entertainment/culture \_\_\_\_\_  
Landfills \_\_\_\_\_

Near hazardous/noxious activities? \_\_\_\_\_

**NOISE:**

Airport \_\_\_\_\_  
Freeway \_\_\_\_\_  
Railroad tracks \_\_\_\_\_  
Neighbors/pets \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER:**

Overall appearance \_\_\_\_\_  
Percent houses for sale and rent in area \_\_\_\_\_  
Police/fire \_\_\_\_\_  
Power lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Privacy \_\_\_\_\_  
Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g. satellite dishes, outbuildings)  
Public transportation \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Day care \_\_\_\_\_  
Elementary \_\_\_\_\_  
Middle school \_\_\_\_\_  
Junior high \_\_\_\_\_  
Senior high \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL:**

Affordability \_\_\_\_\_  
Investment value \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOURCES**

[www.ambest.com](http://www.ambest.com) (insurance ratings)  
[www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) (free annual credit reports)  
[www.ashi.org](http://www.ashi.org) (certified home inspector locator)  
[www.bankrate.com](http://www.bankrate.com) (current interest rates on all types of loans and mortgages)  
[www.craigslist.com](http://www.craigslist.com) (all-purpose bulletin board with real estate rentals and sales for every state)  
[www.fool.com](http://www.fool.com) (The Motley Fool, investor's website and home-buying education)  
[www.freddiemac.com](http://www.freddiemac.com) (home-buying information and education)  
[www.fsbo.com](http://www.fsbo.com) (For Sale By Owner)  
[www.greatschools.org](http://www.greatschools.org) (school ratings)  
<http://homebuying.about.com> (About.com home-buying)

[www.homeloans.va.gov](http://www.homeloans.va.gov) (Veterans Affairs Loan Guaranty Home Loan Program)  
[www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov) (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development)  
[www.militarybyowner.com](http://www.militarybyowner.com) (real estate network for sales and rentals near military installations)  
[www.mls.com](http://www.mls.com) (Multiple Listing Service)  
[www.ffsp.navy.mil](http://www.ffsp.navy.mil) (Fleet and Family Support Center)  
[www.ourfamilyplace.com](http://www.ourfamilyplace.com) (Our Family Place Resource Center)  
[www.realtor.com](http://www.realtor.com) (National Association of Realtors)  
[www.responsiblelending.org](http://www.responsiblelending.org) (Center for Responsible Lending)  
[www.saveandinvest.org](http://www.saveandinvest.org) (military investor education)  
[www.schoolmatters.com](http://www.schoolmatters.com) (Standard & Poor's School Statistics)