

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 :
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Section 1: The Structure

Type of home (condominium, town home, semi-detached, detached, row house, multi-unit, residential, etc.):

Type of construction (wood, brick veneer, block, etc.):

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
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Cooling

Window Air Conditioning: YES NO AGE	Central Air: YES NO AGE
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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 to accommodate the modern family's need for microwaves, computers, printers, televisions, game machines and other electrical devices.

Section 2: Additional Features

Fireplace: YES NO	Pool: YES NO
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Section 3: What's Included

Appliances

Dishwasher: YES NO	Refrigerator: YES NO	Stove: YES NO
Washer: YES NO	Dryer: YES NO	

Windows

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

Other

Section 4: 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 MEDIUM HIGH	Near airport/train tracks? YES NO

Section 5: Estimated Costs

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

Section 6: 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

Notes:

