

## House Hunting Checklist: Prioritize Your Wants and Needs

The home features you want aren't always the same as the ones you need. Use this checklist to help separate needs from wants. Consider how you'll live in the house today and in years to come as you accommodate growing children or elderly parents. Square footage is key. First establish the minimum square feet of heated living area you must have. Don't count the garage. Next determine the minimum size lot you need. Average size lots are about one quarter of an acre. One acre equals 43,560 sq.ft.

Minimum Square Footage: \_\_\_\_\_ sq.ft.

Minimum Size Lot: \_\_\_\_\_ sq.ft. or \_\_\_\_\_ acre(s)

**N:** Need

**W:** Want

**DW:** Don't want

N	W	DW	TYPE
			Single-Family Home
			Townhome
			Condominium
			New Construction
			Existing – Maximum Age:

N	W	DW	LOCATION
			Downtown
			Suburbs
			Rural
			Zoned Agricultural
			<b>NEAR</b>
			Job
			Schools
			Parks
			Public Transportation
			Airport
			Expressway
			Hospital
			Regional Mall
			Beach

<b>N</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>CONDITION</b>
			Well Kept
			Fixer-Upper
			Needs Minor Work TLC

<b>N</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>STYLE</b>
			Transitional
			Contemporary
			Ranch
			Two-story
			One-story
			Colonial
			Traditional
			Victorian - Historic
			End Unit Townhome or Condominium

<b>N</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>EXTERIOR</b>
			All Brick
			Brick Front
			Vinyl Siding
			Stucco - EIFS
			Wood Siding
			James Hardie Siding - Hardiplank

<b>N</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>SYSTEMS</b>
			Natural Gas, Heat Pump, Oil (circle preferred system)
			Central Air Conditioning
			2 Zone Heating & Cooling
			Security System
			Internet/Cable Ready
			In-Ground Sprinkler
			Central Vacuum

<b>N</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>FLOOR PLAN</b>
			Crawl Space
			Solid Foundation (Slab)
			Basement
			Attic
			Foyer
			Formal Living Room
			Great Room
			Family Room
			Formal Dining Room
			Office
			Recreation Room
			Mud Room/Laundry Room
			Music Room
			Home Theatre Room

<b>N</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>BATHROOMS</b>
			Minimum Number:
			First Floor Full Bath
			Separate Shower
			Jetted Tub
			Double Sinks
			Ceramic Tiled

<b>N</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>BEDROOMS</b>
			Minimum Number:
			Master Bedroom With Bath
			Walk-In Closet
			Sitting Area
			First-Floor Master Suite
			In-Law Suite
			First Floor Bedroom For Children/Elderly Relatives

<b>N</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>KITCHEN</b>
			Countertop Materials:
			Cabinet Color:
			Gas Range
			Breakfast Area
			Breakfast Bar
			Desk Area
			Pantry
			Center Island
			Ceramic Tiled Floor
			Hardwood Floor

<b>N</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>GARAGE/PARKING</b>
			Minimum Number of Cars:
			End Loading
			Detached Workshop
			Paved Driveway
			Reserved or Deeded Space (for condos)

<b>N</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>SPECIAL FEATURES</b>
			<b><i>INTERIOR</i></b>
			Fireplace Gas
			Fireplace Wood Burning
			Vaulted Ceilings
			9 Foot First Floor Ceilings
			Wood Floors
			Built-In Bookcases
			Big closets
			Extra storage space
			First/second-floor laundry
			<b><i>EXTERIOR</i></b>
			Wooded View
			Golf Course View
			Water View
			Marsh View
			In-Ground Pool
			Fenced Yard

			Screened Porch
			Patio/Deck
			Sun Room
			Pier
			Boat Lift
			Mature Trees
			Mature Shrubs
			Well & Pump
			Shed
			<b>COMMUNITY/NEIGHBORHOOD</b>
			Homeowner's Association
			Swimming Pool
			Tennis Courts
			Basketball Courts
			Golf Course
			Clubhouse
			Playgrounds
			Parks
			Equestrian - Stables and Pastures
			Sidewalks
			Fitness Center
			Marina – Boat Slips
			Over 55 Community
			<b>LOT</b>
			Golf Course
			Waterfront
			Deep Waterfront
			Beach or Bayfront
			Riverfront
			Horses Allowed
			Culdesac
			Corner

Enter the Public Schools or School Districts that you have determined to be acceptable:

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