

# DREAM HOME CHECKLIST

Now that you know how much you can afford, it's time to visualize your dream home. Decide what it is that is most important to you. Almost as important...is there anything that is so awful that you won't tolerate it even if everything else is perfect?

Think about the houses of friends and family who you have visited. Which home seemed the most "homey" to you? Do you want a white picket fence and a two-car garage? Or is a townhouse in the eclectic part of town?

Answer the questions below and go through the checklist. Decide which items are most important to you. If you're buying your new home with someone else, have them fill out the same checklist and then compare answers. Pay special attention to those items that one of you absolutely does not want. Often times, these items can be more of a sore point than not getting something you want very badly.

1. What kind of area do you most want to live in? Rural? Suburban? Urban?

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2. Is there a particular kind of architecture that is important to you? Spanish? Ranch? Townhouse?

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3. How much land do you want?

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4. How many bedrooms and bathrooms?

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5. How many levels do you want?

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6. What kind of construction material do you want? Brick? Wood? Stucco?

7. Rate the following qualities according to importance:

Item	Mega-Important	Kinda-Important	Don't Care
Large yard			
Fenced in yard			
Off-street parking			
Garage			
Porch			
Pool			
Basement (finished?)			
Large kitchen			
Appliances included			
Gas appliances			
Electric appliances			
Separate dining area			
Foyer			
Fireplace			
Wood floors			
Large closets			
Close to work			
Close to shopping			
Close to good schools			
Close to recreation			
Close to major thoroughfare			

