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The Home Buyer Checklist identifies some of the important factors to consider when choosing a home. In addition to an affordable sales price, you will also want to be sure that the neighborhood and house meet the needs of your family.

Take this checklist along when you go shopping for your house. It will help you evaluate the neighborhoods and assess the availability and condition of various features of up to three homes in a side by side comparison.

If you send me an email at the above email address, I will email back an excel version of this spread sheet so that you can alter it at will. Ideally, you should load this spreadsheet onto a laptop or tablet and make electronic notes as you go.

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| Home Buyer Checklist                  | 1                                 | 2                             | 3                       |
| Property Address                      |                                   |                               |                         |
| Asking Price                          |                                   |                               |                         |
| What type of sale is this? (REO,      |                                   |                               |                         |
| Short Sale, Seller Direct, Etc.)      |                                   |                               |                         |
| Real Estate Taxes                     |                                   |                               |                         |
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|                                       | The Neighb                        | oorhood                       |                         |
| Near Work                             |                                   |                               |                         |
| Near Schools                          |                                   |                               |                         |
| Near Shopping                         |                                   |                               |                         |
| Near Expressways                      |                                   |                               |                         |
| Near Public Transportation            |                                   |                               |                         |
| Near Doctors/Dentists                 |                                   |                               |                         |
| Where is the nearest Hospital?        |                                   |                               |                         |
| Near Churches                         |                                   |                               |                         |
| Garbage Collection                    |                                   |                               |                         |
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| Street Lights                                  |          |          |  |
|--|----------|----------|--|
| Sidewalks                                      |          |          |  |
| Streets/Alleys Well Maintained                 |          |          |  |
| Traffic Volume                                 |          |          |  |
| Parks  |          |          |  |
| Neighbor's Property Well                       |          |          |  |
| Maintained                                     |          |          |  |
| All Utilities Installed                        |          |          |  |
| Neighborhood                                   |          |          |  |
| Covenants/Restrictions                         | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |  |
| Near Trains/Airport                            |          |          |  |
| Area Zoned Residential                         |          | <u> </u> |  |
| Near Industry                                  |          | <u> </u> |  |
| Proposed Special Assessments                   |          | <u> </u> |  |
| Environment Concerns/Influences                |          |          |  |
|  |          |          |  |
|  | The Ho   | ouse     |  |
| Type of Property (Single Family,               |          |          |  |
| Condo, HUD, Etc) Home Owners Association Fees? |          |          |  |
| (How Much?)                                    |          |          |  |
| Gate Guarded (Y or N) (manned or               |          |          |  |
| unmanned?)                                     |          |          |  |
| Age of House                                   |          |          |  |
| No. of Stories                                 |          |          |  |
| Wood Frame                                     |          |          |  |
| Brick Frame                                    |          |          |  |
| Wood & Brick Frame                             |          |          |  |
| Aluminum Siding                                |          |          |  |
| Roof Condition                                 |          |          |  |

| Foundation Condition           |            |  |
|--------------------------------|------------|--|
| Overall Exterior Condition     |            |  |
| Garage Size (# of cars)        |            |  |
| No. of Bathrooms               |            |  |
| No. of Closets                 |            |  |
| No. of Bedrooms                |            |  |
| Oil Heat                       |            |  |
| Gas Heat                       |            |  |
| Electric Heat                  |            |  |
| Hot Water Heat                 |            |  |
| Insulation                     |            |  |
| Central Air Conditioning       |            |  |
| Energy Conservation Features   |            |  |
| Age of Heating System          |            |  |
| Age of Water Heater            |            |  |
| Capacity of Water Heater       |            |  |
| Age of Electrical Wiring       |            |  |
| Plumbing condition             |            |  |
| Estimated Water Bill           |            |  |
| Estimated Heating Bill         |            |  |
| Estimated Electric Bill        |            |  |
| Living Room                    |            |  |
| Fireplace (How many?)          |            |  |
| Separate Dining Room           |            |  |
| Family Room                    |            |  |
| Drapes - No. of Rooms          |            |  |
| Carpeting - No. of Rooms       |            |  |
| Hard Wood Floors - No of Rooms |            |  |
| Tile Floors - No. of Rooms     | <br>       |  |
| Kitchen Eating Area            |            |  |
| Refrigerator                   |            |  |
| Stove/Oven (Gas/Electric)      |            |  |
| Garbage Disposal               | □ <u> </u> |  |
| Dishwasher                     | <u> </u>   |  |

| Broken Windows                  |          |      |
|---------------------------------|----------|------|
| Storm Windows/Screens           |          |      |
| Washer/Dryer Outlets            |          |      |
| Laundry Space/Laundry Room      |          |      |
| Finished Basement               |          |      |
| Attic                           |          |      |
| Sump Pump/Drainage              |          |      |
| Connected to Sewer System       |          |      |
| Patio                           |          |      |
| Backyard Fence                  |          |      |
| Pool (Y or N)                   |          |      |
| Spa (Y or N)                    |          |      |
| Landscaping                     |          |      |
| Property Boundaries             |          |      |
| Security (dead bolts detectors) |          |      |
| Building Code Compliance        |          |      |
| Obvious work to be done and     |          |      |
| approximate cost.               |          | <br> |
| Ability to Expand/Enlarge House |          |      |
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