



The Ultimate Checklist for Buying a House

Proximity to the Essentials

Whatever “the essentials” are for you at this stage in life, you’ll want to make sure that they are close to or easily accessible from your new house.

- ☐ Parks
- ☐ Playground
- ☐ Grocery Store
- ☐ Shopping Mall
- ☐ Medical Office
- ☐ Hospital
- ☐ Gym
- ☐ Yoga Studio
- ☐ School
- ☐ After-School Activities

Number and Configuration of Rooms to Suit Your Needs

It’s not only the number of rooms that are important but the configuration has to make sense for your needs.

- ☐ Number of Bedrooms
- ☐ Locations of Bedrooms
- ☐ Number of Bathrooms
- ☐ Location of Bathrooms
- ☐ Family Room / Living Room
- ☐ Kitchen
- ☐ Dining Room
- ☐ Basement
- ☐ Attic
- ☐ Garage
- ☐ Outdoor Space



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Structurally Sound Building and Roof

If it rains, will the roof leak, or worse, collapse? If you're serious about moving into a new home, make sure to get a professional to check the house's structure before signing on the dotted line.

- ☐ Roof
- ☐ Walls
- ☐ Doors
- ☐ Windows
- ☐ Ceiling (check for mold)

Essential Roomie Stuff

Discuss these things with your future roommate - no need to double up!

- ☐ Mini fridge -- communicate with your roommate to be sure you don't end up with two!
- ☐ Electric kettle
- ☐ Water filter pitcher
- ☐ Microwave, if your school allows
- ☐ Shoe rack
- ☐ Doormat

Natural Light

Most people love natural light, which means it should be an important part of your inspection checklist for buying a house.

- ☐ Visit during the day
- ☐ Homes facing north generally bring in natural light
- ☐ Check for windows



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Noise levels in the neighborhood

Ask the current residents of the house about the noise levels in the neighborhood. You'll want to make sure that the noise levels in the neighborhood suit your lifestyle.

- ☐ Loud parties late into the night
- ☐ Rowdy neighbors
- ☐ Inconsiderate motorists
- ☐ Proximity to popular hangout spot
- ☐ Quiet like a ghost town

Utilities

Making sure that all the utilities are in proper functioning order is a critical step in your house buying checklist.

- ☐ Lights
- ☐ Water pressure
- ☐ Power supply
- ☐ Hot water system
- ☐ Air conditioning
- ☐ Heating system

Signs of termites/pests

If you suspect that your new potential home might be prone to termites or pests, make sure to get a professional in there immediately to gauge the situation. These little devils can wreak havoc on an otherwise beautiful interior, and if the house suffers from constant invasions, it can be reason enough to look elsewhere.