

# home buying checklist



## Getting Started:

- Find A REALTOR®** Done. You got me!
- Make a Budget:** Find a lender, and together, figure how much house you can afford.



## House Hunting:

- Visit Open Houses:** Attend open houses to get a feel for different properties.
- Take Photos:** Snap pics of features you love and want to remember
- Neighborhood Check:** Explore potential neighborhoods: schools, parks, restaurants.



## Making an Offer:

- Secure Your Mortgage:** Finalize your mortgage application and lock in your interest rate.
- Make an Offer:** Work with your agent to make a competitive offer on your dream home.
- Review the Contract:** Carefully read and understand the terms of the purchase contract.



## Long-Term Plans:

- Home Upgrades:** Plan future upgrades or renovations to personalize your space.
- Regular Maintenance:** Set reminders for routine home maintenance tasks.
- Community Involvement:** Get involved in your community and local events.



## Paperwork and Details:

- Get Insurance:** Arrange for homeowners insurance coverage for your new property.
- Home Inspection:** Schedule a thorough inspection to identify potential issues
- Home Appraisal:** Required by the lender in most cases and also scheduled through the lender.



## Closing the Deal:

- Final Walkthrough:** Inspect the home one last time before closing.
- Closing Day:** Sign the papers, get the keys, and celebrate your new home!
- Move-In Day:** Plan your move and settle into your new abode.



## Settling In:

- Unpack:** Start unpacking and make your new house a home.
- Explore the Area:** Discover local attractions and meet your neighbors.
- Homewarming Party:** Host a party to show off your new place to friends and family.

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