Successful House-Hunting Checklist

Buying a home is an emotional experience. There is something unmistakable about standing in the living room of a property and realizing that you are, in fact, home. But, this emotional reaction to a house can sometimes overwhelm our more logical and objective processes when it comes to house-hunting, which makes a successful house-hunting checklist even more important.

Take a moment and fill out the checklist below; then, whenever you visit (or even consider) a new property make sure it meets all your required criteria before you start making emotional decisions about it.

- · How many bedrooms does my new home need to have to meet my or my family's needs?
- · How many bathrooms does my new home need to have to meet my or my family's needs?
- What is the minimum number of square feet my new home needs to have to meet my or my family's needs?
- What are the five things my new home absolutely must have to be considered an option?
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- What are the five things that would be nice to have in a new home, but aren't necessities?
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- What are the three things that would disqualify a home from consideration?
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Now that you know a little more about what your next home must or mustn't have, use this checklist whenever visiting (or considering) a new home to see if it is worth considering further.

| Feature | Love It | lt's OK | Hate It |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Home Exterior | | | |
| Living Room | | | |
| Kitchen | | | |
| Dining Room | | | |
| Main Bedroom | | | |
| Bedroom #2 | | | |
| Bedroom #3 | | | |
| Bedroom #4 | | | |
| Bathroom #1 | | | |
| Bathroom #2 | | | |
| Bathroom #3 | | | |
| Utility Room | | | |
| Garage | | | |
| Storage | | | |
| Appliances | | | |
| Heating System | | | |
| Cooling System | | | |

This home satisfies all of my must-haves.

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This home avoids all of the things I've identified as deal-breakers.

This home has the following from my "would be nice" list:

Based on my experience so far with this home, I'm ready to:

- Schedule a (another) showing
- Request more information
- Write an offer

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- Consider the home as a possibility in the future
- Eliminate the home from consideration