

Checklist for Your House Hunt

Attach other printouts and pictures to this Checklist.

ADDRESS _____

DATE OF VISIT _____

HOUSE _____

Asking price _____

Square footage _____

Price per square foot _____

FHA/VA financing _____

Other financing _____

Floor plan _____

Number of bedrooms/bathrooms _____

On what side does sun rise/set? _____

Real estate taxes _____

Number of Stories _____

SIZE OF ROOMS:

Bedroom (master) _____

Bedroom #2 _____

Bedroom #3 _____

Bedroom #4 _____

Master bath _____

Master closet _____

Kitchen _____

Family dining area _____

Formal dining area _____

Living _____

Family room _____

Other _____

Year constructed _____

Builder _____

Parking _____

INTERIOR:

Appliances _____

Attic _____

Attic vents _____

Basement _____

Ceiling fans _____

Closets _____

Electric garage door opener _____

Estimated utility costs _____
(ask to see bills)

Fireplace(s) _____

Floor covering _____

General condition _____

Heating/ventilation/central air _____

Humidifier _____

Insulation _____

Kitchen _____

Lead-based paints used? _____
(Harmful if ingested, common in older homes)

Plumbing _____

Radon levels _____

Security system _____

Stairs _____

Utility room _____

Wallpaper _____

Wall (check for cracks) _____

Window coverings _____

Wiring _____

EXTERIOR:

Deck/porch/patio _____

Doors _____

Foundation/grading/drainage _____

Gutters and downspouts _____

Landscaping _____

Lot size _____

Pavement condition _____

Roof _____

Septic system _____



Siding materials _____
Sprinkler system _____
Swimming pool/hot tub _____
Trees _____
Windows (single/double paned) _____

NEIGHBORHOOD:

Security _____
Snow removal _____
Susceptibility to flood, earthquake, etc. _____
Traffic _____
Trash removal _____
Accessibility during inclement weather _____
Adjacent property (its zoning, owner(s), and intended use) _____
Airports _____
City services _____

DRIVE TIME TO:

Work _____
Schools _____
Shopping _____
Church _____
Major highways _____
Entertainment/culture _____
Landfills _____

Resources

www.ambest.com (Insurance Rating)
www.annualcreditreport.com (Annual Credit Report)
www.ashi.org (Certified Home Inspector Locator)
www.bankrate.com (Current interest rates on all types of loans and mortgages)
www.craigslist.com (All-purpose bulletin board with Real Estate rentals and sales for every state)
www.fool.com (Motley Fool Investor's Web site, Home Buying Education)
www.freddiemac.com (Home Buying Information and Education)
www.fsbo.com (For Sale By Owner resources)
www.greatschools.net (School Ratings)
http://homebuying.about.com (About.com Homebuying)
www.homeloans.va.gov (VA Home Loan Guarantee Program)

Near hazardous/noxious activities? _____

NOISE:

Airport _____
Freeway _____
Railroad tracks _____
Neighbors/Pets _____

OTHER:

Overall appearance _____
Percent houses for sale and rent in area _____
Police/fire _____
Power lines _____
Privacy _____
Restrictions _____
(e.g. satellite dishes, outbuildings)
Public transportation _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Daycare _____
Elementary _____
Middle School _____
Junior High _____
Senior High _____

GENERAL:

Affordability _____
Investment value _____

www.hud.gov (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development)

www.lifelines.navy.mil (Lifelines Services Network)

www.militarybyowner.com (Real Estate Network for Sales and Rentals)

www.mls.com (Multiple Listing Service)

www.ffsp.navy.mil (Fleet and Family Support Center)

www.ourfamilyplace.com (Our Family Place Resource Center)

www.realtor.com (National Association of Realtors)

www.responsiblelending.org (Center for Responsible Lending, A Resource for Predatory Lending Opponents)

www.saveandinvest.org (NASD Military Investor Education)

www.schoolmatters.com (Standard & Poor's School Statistics)