



## Wants vs. Needs vs. Must-Haves Checklist

<b>Home Type</b>				
Feature	Description	Want	Need	Must-Have
Detached house	A detached house is a single-family home that stands alone, usually with outdoor space.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Condominium	A condominium is a single unit within a larger building with shared amenities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Townhouse	A townhouse is a narrow, multifloor home that shares at least one wall with another home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multifamily home	A multifamily home is a detached structure that contains more than one living space to accommodate multiple residents.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loft apartment	A loft apartment — also known as a studio — is an open space with multiple rooms.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Single-story home	A single-story home — also known as a ranch-style home — has only one floor.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multistory home	Multistory homes are detached homes that have more than one floor.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Split-level home	Split-level homes have at least three floors that are staggered and connected by staircases.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural style	You may prefer a certain architectural style, whether it be modern, colonial, Spanish, or midcentury.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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<b>Parking</b>				
Feature	Description	Want	Need	Must-Have
Garage	A garage is an indoor space to park your car that provides both shelter and security.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Driveway	A driveway gives you a place to park your car off the street. However, it lacks a roof and the security of a garage.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carport	A carport is an outdoor parking space that's at least partially covered.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Street parking	Parking your car on the street leaves your car more vulnerable to the elements, damage, and theft. You also might not always be able to find a free space.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Bedrooms</b>				
Feature	Description	Want	Need	Must-Have
One bedroom	If you live alone, you may need only one bedroom. This also works for couples looking to cut costs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Two bedrooms	Two bedrooms allow space for guests. You also could use the additional bedroom as an office or studio.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Three or more bedrooms	If you have children – or plan to have children – you might want to look at homes with more bedrooms.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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<b>Bathrooms</b>				
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Number of bathrooms	The average home has two bathrooms for every three bedrooms.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bathtub	Some people are bathtub people, and that's just the way it is! If you prefer to bathe in the tub, then this might be a must-have for you.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walk-in shower	If you strictly shower, then you might prefer a walk-in shower and not need a bathtub.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fractional bathrooms	Some homes have fractional bathrooms. For example, a <a href="#">half bathroom</a> has a toilet and sink, but no shower or bathtub.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Kitchen</b>				
Feature	Description	Want	Need	Must-Have
Appliances	An oven, stove, sink, and dishwasher are common must-haves. A modern, built-in refrigerator and microwave might be nice, but you can always buy them yourself if the home lacks those features.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Countertops	Countertops are made from materials that range in looks and price, such as quartz, marble, and granite.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dining area	Some kitchens include a built-in dining area, such as a countertop space or breakfast nook.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Island	A kitchen island is a stand-alone cabinet that comes with a countertop. An island offers additional storage, and may include a sink or cooking surface.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Feature	Description	Want	Need	Must-Have
Cabinets	Cabinets can be made from materials as varied as wood, fiberboard, and laminate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pantry	A pantry offers more storage space for foods that don't need to be refrigerated, and for small appliances and cookware that you use infrequently.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Flooring

Feature	Description	Want	Need	Must-Have
Hardwood	Floors made out of hardwood are durable and aesthetically pleasing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carpet	Carpeted floors can be warm, cozy, and comfy – if they're clean. Carpets can collect dirt, stains, and odors, and can deteriorate over time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laminate	Laminate is an artificial material that often imitates the look and feel of hardwood, but is more affordable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stone	Stone is another sharp-looking flooring option that can be used both indoors and outdoors.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tile	Tile comes in many sizes, colors, and variations. A potential downside is tiles may crack and chip.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bamboo	Bamboo isn't only a stylish option – it's also eco-friendly because it's a grass that grows much faster than trees.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cork	Cork offers a warm look and is comfortable to walk on, since it's a relatively soft material.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Exterior				
Feature	Description	Want	Need	Must-Have
Wood	Wood siding gives your house a rustic character. However, its life span can be shorter than other materials, and it may need to be replaced every 10 years.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brick	Brick homes are sturdy and durable. They're also more fire-resistant.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shingles	Shingles — also known as shake siding — are often made of cedar, and can add character. However, this material also can rot and warp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vinyl	Vinyl siding is affordable and durable — it's the most popular siding material. However, some people don't like the look of it.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stone	Stone siding offers a natural beauty that can boost curb appeal. It's also expensive.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stucco	Stucco siding is a porous material commonly found on Mediterranean and Spanish Mission-style homes. It's also long-lasting when installed correctly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lot type	Some homes are located on a flat lot with plenty of outdoor space. Others are located on hills, or close to neighboring homes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Interior				
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Living room	If you love watching movies at home or spending time with your family, a big living room might be important to you.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dining room	The dining room is a place to have meals as a family or to entertain guests.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Primary bedroom with bathroom	Your primary bedroom suite is usually the homeowner's bedroom, and often comes with an attached bathroom.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home office	Since working remotely has become more common, many homebuyers are looking for homes with a room they can use as an office.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation room	A recreation room is a place for children to play in, or where adults can relax or play games.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Closets	Closets offer important storage space for outerwear, towels, equipment, cleaning supplies, and more.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Basement	Finished basements can add square footage to the home. However, the risk of flooding means it can require additional maintenance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attic	Attics can provide storage space for items you want to hang on to but use infrequently. Some attics offer room for an additional bedroom.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Feature	Description	Want	Need	Must-Have
Laundry room	Not every home has a laundry room, but having a designated space for a washer and dryer gives you a place to keep laundry-related supplies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Porch	Buyers who want to maximize their outdoor space may seek homes with a porch attached.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gym	These days, more people have home gyms than gym memberships. If a home doesn't come with a designated gym, you may want a room that you can convert into one.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mother-in-law suite	An additional living unit on the property that can house family members may add value to your property, or generate income as a rental.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Energy and Environment</b>				
Feature	Description	Want	Need	Must-Have
Heating	Some homes have furnaces that burn natural gas or liquid propane, while other homes have electric furnaces.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Air conditioning	Central air conditioning is energy-efficient and cost-efficient. It also adds value to the home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Feature	Description	Want	Need	Must-Have
Water heater	Tankless water heaters are more efficient than conventional water heaters, but they are more expensive to buy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fireplace	A fireplace can add charm to your living room – especially if you live in a cooler climate. However, they are an added cost and responsibility to maintain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toilets	Energy-efficient toilets use less water, which can be useful in drier climates that are prone to drought.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accessibility	If you or someone you live with has limited mobility, it will be important for your home to be accessible.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Insulation	If you live in a place with cold winters, then having a home that is well insulated helps you keep your heating costs under control.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Windows	Energy-efficient windows are another feature that can help you save money on heating and cooling your home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doors	Energy-efficient doors help keep your home cool in the summer and warm in the winter.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solar panels	Solar panels can help you reduce your energy bills and carbon footprint. They come with high initial costs, which is why it might be nice to find a home that already has them installed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>





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<b>Outdoors</b>				
Feature	Description	Want	Need	Must-Have
View	Everyone loves a great view, but houses along the coast or up in the hills usually are more expensive.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trees	Trees can add to the curb appeal of a home and offer shade. However, they also can be a liability, and are expensive to remove.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yard	A well-kept yard can increase the value of a home, and offer a safe place to play for kids and pets.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Landscaping	Plants, shrubs, or a garden can enhance the aesthetic appeal of a property.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lawn	A beautiful lawn can add to a home's curb appeal and overall appearance. However, it can be expensive and time-consuming to water and maintain a lawn.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deck	A deck can be a pleasant place to barbecue and relax outdoors.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patio	Instead of a deck, you might prefer a patio space, with room for a table and chairs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Storage	A shed or garage can be a useful covered space to store things like lawn mowers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sprinkler system	A sprinkler system can help keep a lawn or garden watered and healthy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pool	If you have a passion for pool time, then finding a house with one might be a must-have for you. Just remember that they can be costly to heat and to maintain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire pit	Fire pits can be a cozy place to host company in the evening.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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<b>Location</b>				
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Neighborhood	Some people prefer to live in quiet, tranquil neighborhoods. Others prefer to live in a walkable neighborhood that's more active and busier.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commute	The location of your job also can affect where you look for a home. Most people prefer to live as close to work as possible.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools	If you have children, the quality of schools near your home is an important factor when buying a home. In general, homes in good school districts cost more.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shopping	It can be helpful and convenient to live in a home that's near grocery stores and other retailers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dining	If you enjoy eating out and meeting friends for dinner, it might be important to you to have a few good restaurant options nearby.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation	If you have an active lifestyle or enjoy the outdoors, then you might want to find a home that's located near a park, a gym, or hiking trails.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Culture	If you like going to the farmers market or theater, you may prefer a neighborhood that has more cultural opportunities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Feature	Description	Want	Need	Must-Have
Transportation	If you use the bus or train to get around, you'll want to find a home that gives you easy access to public transportation routes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Urban	Living in the city allows you to live closer to others, and have easy access to shopping, dining, and entertainment. But depending on where in the city you live, the neighborhood can be louder and more crowded.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suburban	Suburban neighborhoods can be a nice middle ground – quieter than the city, but not too far away from others. You likely will need a car to get around.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural	Buying a home in a rural area gives you space, privacy, and the ability to enjoy nature. However, you'll be farther from stores, emergency services, and other people.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waterfront	Homes along the coast or another body of water often have spectacular views. They also typically cost more.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>