

# DETERMINING THE RIGHT HOME FOR YOU

## Get Organized

Before you begin your home search it is important to become organized and decide what type of property best suits your needs, what features you must have and what features would be nice to have. Even more importantly, if you are purchasing a home with someone else, make a list together so everyone's wants and needs are clearly defined. To evaluate what is important and essential for your next home, ask yourself these questions and make two lists "Needs" and "Wants".

## Home Buying Options

Primary Dwelling  
Vacation Home  
Rental Home  
Fixer-Upper

## "Needs" and "Wants" Lists

- Type of Property (ex: single family, multi-family or condo/town home)
- Style of Property (ex: new or existing construction, modern or older, etc.)
- Preferred Style (ex: 1 or 2 story, ranch, split entry, etc.)
- Number bedrooms and bathrooms
- Approximate square footage
- Kitchen (ex: open to living, galley, gourmet, etc.)
- Additional Space (ex: home office, formal living/dining areas, game room, media room, outdoor living space, etc.)
- Additional Features (fireplace, hardwoods, ceramic tile, limited carpet, master bedroom up/downstairs etc)
- Parking (ex: garage, no garage, attached, detached, number of spaces, etc.)
- Neighborhood Requirements (ex: close to parks, recreation, shopping, schools, job, etc.)
- Transportation Needs (ex: close to highways, near bus stop, walking distance, etc.)
- Outdoor Space (view, yard, balcony, deck, lot size, space for pets, etc.)
- Condition of the house (ex: fixer-upper or move-in condition)



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