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Your Complete House Hunting Checklist



Home Location

Address _____

Asking price _____

Annual property taxes _____

Mortgage terms _____

Zoning restrictions (ask the REALTOR®)

Position of Home on Lot

(Compass directions)

- Private driveway
- Shared driveway

General Condition

- Large front yard
- Side yard
- Rear yard

The Home's Exterior

Lot Size/Shape

Landscaping Condition

(Mature trees, shrubs, etc.)

Home's Appearance from the Street

Where is it Located?

(Corner lot, end of the street, cul-de-sac, etc.)

Number of Storeys

Siding

- Brick
- Brick veneer
- Wood
- Aluminum
- Combination

Condition of Siding and Paint

Garage

- Attached
- Detached
- One-car garage
- Two-car garage
- Uncovered parking
- No garage

Pad Parking Spaces

Condition of Walkways to Front Door

- Covered front porch
- Enclosed front porch
- No front porch

Large Backyard? Fenced?

Backyard Privacy?

Patio/Decking

- Above ground swimming pool
- Below ground swimming pool
- Storage shed

Type of Roof/General Condition/Age

Recent Roof Repairs: What Was Done? Receipts?

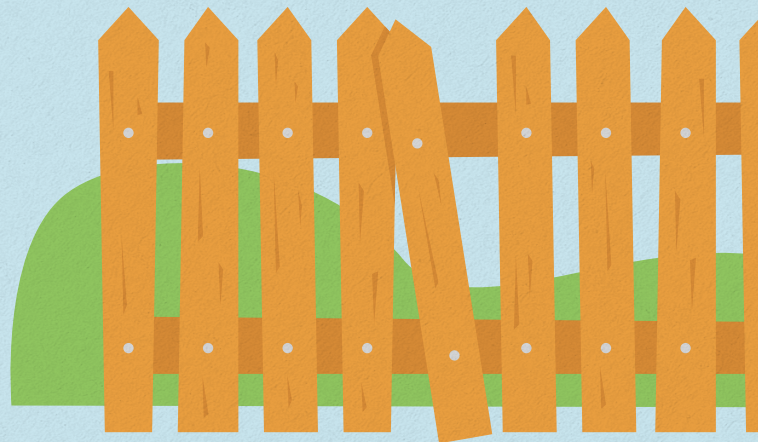
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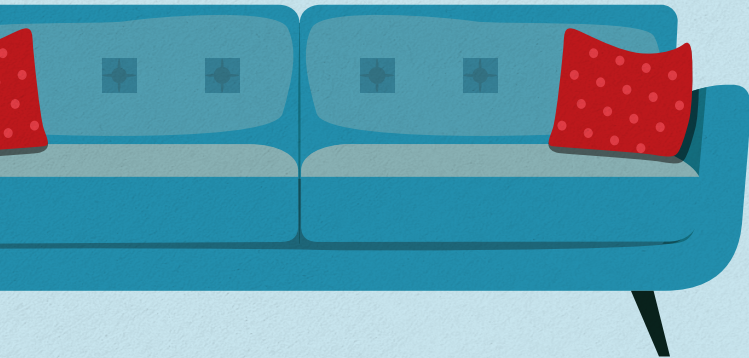
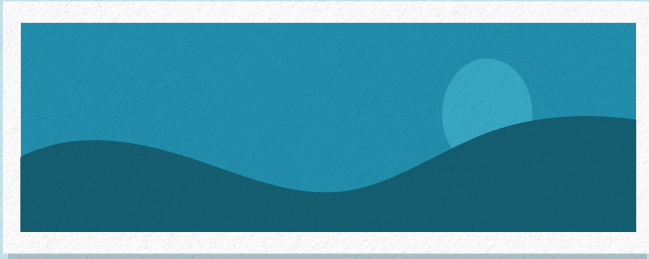
Types of Foundation

Raised well above ground?
Visible cracks?

Structural appearance: straight lines, corners?

Possible problems?





The Home's Interior

Room Sizes

(Can be taken from REALTOR.ca listing)

- Separate front hallway
- Closet for winter coats
- Soundproofing between shared walls
- Large hallways

Recent Renovations

- Done by seller*
- Done by professional*

*ask to see receipts

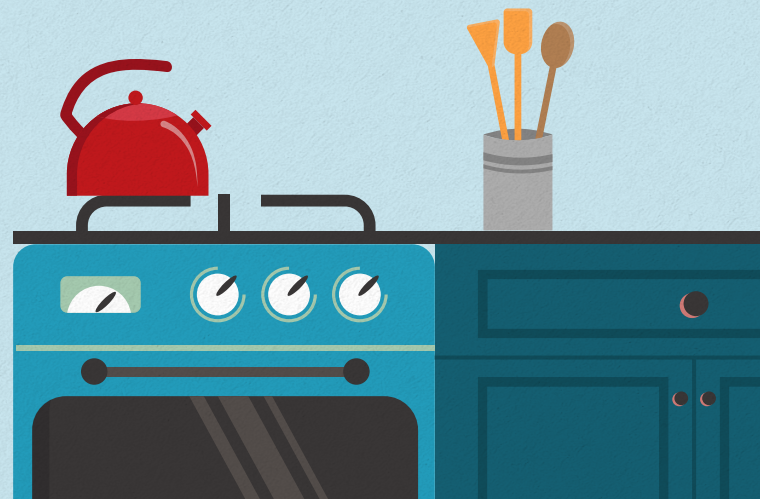
Kitchen

General Size/Colours

- Eat-in area
- Cooking/food preparation island
- Sufficient cupboard space/condition
- Pantry
- Single sink
- Double sink
- Sufficient countertop space

Type of Countertop/Condition

Condition



Doors and Windows

Types of Windows

- Single pane
- Thermopane
- Open and close without sticking

General Condition

Locks and Latches Work?



Bedrooms

Number of Bedrooms

-
- Sufficient closet space
 - Sufficient floor space

Floor Type/Condition

Windows: Number, Size

Bathrooms

Number of Bathrooms

-
- Ensuite bathroom
 - Good water pressure
 - Walk-in shower

Floor Type/Condition

Living and Dining Rooms

- Separate living and dining room
- Open-concept floorplan

Fireplace/Wood Stove?

Floor Type/Condition

Basement

- Adequate headroom
- Finished
- Door to outside
- Utility area (washer/dryer sold with house)

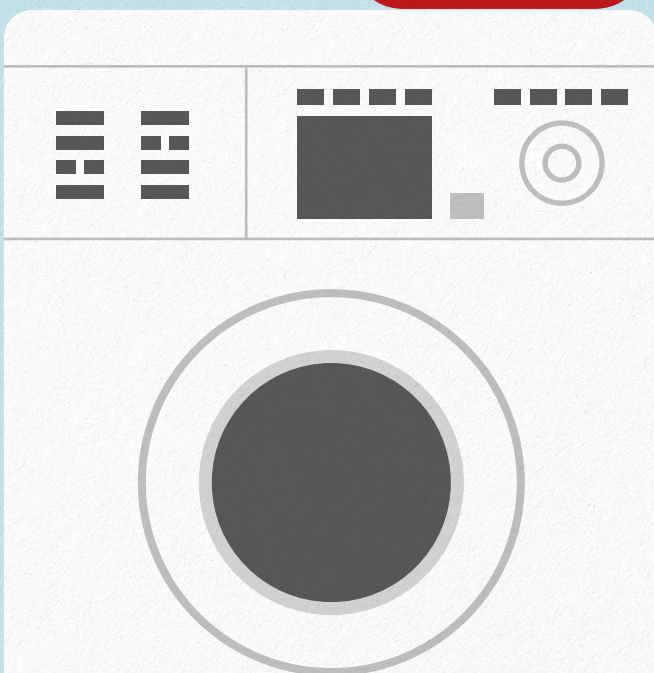
Storage Areas?

Cracks in Wall or Floors

Drained or Sump Pump

Evidence of Flood/Moisture?

General Condition



Systems

Electrical

Amparage, fuses or circuit breakers, adequate outlets, general condition, aluminium or copper wiring, meet current codes?

Water Service

- City supplied
- Well
- Water quality passes tests
- Has it ever run dry?

Capacity, age of pump, size of feeder line from well to house, water agreement?

Sewer or septic system

- City sewer
- Septic

Where is the septic field?

- Holding tank and system recently checked?

Plumbing

Copper pipes or other material, signs of leaks, recent repairs, age, meet current codes?

Heating

Type (oil, gas, electric, steam, baseboard, combination, heat pump, etc.), age, output and recent repairs

Hot Water Heater

Leased or owned, gas or electric, number of gallons, efficiency, age

Insulation

Type, rating, any asbestos or UFFI?

- Ask to see copies of recent utility bills

TV, Internet, and Phone Service Options

Air Conditioning

Type (window, central), age, size, recent repairs

Community

Local Neighbourhood

- Urban, suburban, rural
- Older or newer - estimate age
- Quiet streets
- Adequate street lights
- Visible power and telephone lines
- Well-cared-for homes and yards
- Condition of sidewalks
- Space between homes
- Adequate street parking, overnight parking restrictions?
- Possible problems (junked cars, poorly maintained roads, poor drainage)

Close to:

- Schools
- City services (fire, police, hospital)
- Medical (doctor, dentist, optometrist)
- Shopping (grocery, pharmacy)
- Parks
- Playgrounds
- Day care
- Recreation centre
- Public swimming pool
- Public tennis courts
- Golf course
- Skating rink
- Hockey arena, ball park
- Restaurants
- Theatres
- Public Library
- Places of worship
- Major roads, highways
- Public transportation
- Possible problems (traffic congestion, train tracks, industrial sites)

Types of Homes

(Detached, semi-detached, townhomes, apartments)

Age Group of Homeowners
