

While your opinions on the type of home you want to own may change during the home buying process, use this easy checklist to help you set your priorities and make the home selection process less time consuming.

1. What neighborhoods do you like?

2. What school system(s) would you like to be near?

3. How close do you need to be to:
 - (a) public transportation
 - (b) schools
 - (c) airport
 - (d) expressway
 - (e) neighborhood shopping
 - (f) other

4. What architectural style(s) of homes do you prefer?

5. Do you want a one story or two-story house?

6. How old of a home would you consider?

7. How much repair or renovation would you be willing to do?

8. Do you have special facilities or needs that your home must meet?

9. Do you require a fenced yard or other amenities for your pets?

Please categorize the next list of options by **Must have** and **Would Prefer**

Home Preferences	Must Have	Would Prefer	Additional Comments
Yard (size _____)			
Garage (size _____)			
Patio/Deck			
Pool			
Bedrooms (number _____)			
Bathrooms (number _____)			
Family room			
Formal living room			
Formal dining room			
Eat-in kitchen			
Laundry room			
Basement			
Attic			
Fireplace			
Spa in bath			
Air conditioning			
Wall-to-wall carpet			
Hardwood floors			
View			
Light (windows)			
Shade			

EVALUATING YOUR ACTIVITIES AND LIFESTYLE

The neighborhood you choose can have a big impact on your lifestyle, for example — safety, available amenities and convenience all play a part in home ownership satisfaction. Think about the activities you like, (shopping, movies, health club, organizations). Use this list to determine how far you would like to travel from each neighborhood to your favorite activity locations.

HELPFUL WEBSITES:

<http://www.homes.com/Content/Neighborhoods.cfm>

<http://realestate.yahoo.com/re/neighborhood>

<http://find.intelius.com>

<http://www.moving.com/community/>

<http://www.schoolmatch.com>