

Your Housing Needs and Wants

Use this worksheet to determine what you need and want in your new home and set priorities for your house search.

Type of home:

Single family detached (If yes, one storey (bungalow) Two storey Other)
 Townhouse Semi-detached Low-rise apartment High-rise apartment

Type of ownership

Freehold Condominium

Construction

Framing materials	Wood	Steel	Concrete	Doesn't matter
Exterior finish	Vinyl	Wood	Brick	Other _____
Heating and cooling	Oil	Gas	Electric	Doesn't matter

Central air condition	Must have	Would like	Don't care	Don't want
Finished basement	Must have	Would like	Don't care	Don't want
Energy-efficient construction	Must have	Would like	Don't care	Don't want
High-efficiency furnace	Must have	Would like	Don't care	Don't want
High-efficiency windows	Must have	Would like	Don't care	Don't want
Whole house ventilation	Must have	Would like	Don't care	Don't want
"Environmental" materials	Must have	Would like	Don't care	Don't want

Size, design and layout

Item	Must have	Nice to have	Don't want/ not important
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Bedrooms, #
 Master bedroom, ensuite
 MB, walk-in closet
 Full bathrooms, #
 Powder rooms, #
 Eat-in kitchen
 Kitchen island
 Separate dining room
 Formal living room
 Separate family room
 Separate child's play area
 Great room (open concept)
 Sunroom
 Home office
 Home theater
 Bonus room, main floor
 Mudroom
 Lots of storage
 Vaulted ceilings
 Bay windows

Outside

Item	Must have	Nice to have	Don't want/ not important
Deck or patio			
Private driveway			
Garage, 1 car			
Garage, 2 cars			
Carport			

Details—features and finishes

Alarm/security system			
Wiring for cable, internet, etc.			
Double sink in main bathroom			
Fireplace			
Flooring, hardwood			
tile			
stone			
other			
In the kitchen:			
two sinks			
built-in ovens			
composite countertops			
Other: _____			

Location

Distance to work (time/milage)	Ideally _____	Could live with _____	
Access to public transportation	Very important	Somewhat imp.	Not imp.
Proximity to:			
Shopping	Very important	Somewhat imp.	Not imp.
Schools	Very important	Somewhat imp.	Not imp.
Child care	Very important	Somewhat imp.	Not imp.
Recreational facilities	Very important	Somewhat imp.	Not imp.
Places of worship	Very important	Somewhat imp.	Not imp.
Hospital	Very important	Somewhat imp.	Not imp.
Parks	Very important	Somewhat imp.	Not imp.
Entertainment	Very important	Somewhat imp.	Not imp.
Other _____	Very important	Somewhat imp.	Not imp.
_____	Very important	Somewhat imp.	Not imp.
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Now it should be easy to come up with a detailed description of the home that you are looking for: *"We want a single family, 2 storey home, within 45 minutes driving from _____.* We need ... ideally we would like... and we absolutely don't want... This will help you to zero in on the right home and the right location. It will also be helpful in your discussions with builders and salespeople so they can guide you to the models and features that best suit your needs and wants.