

THE HOUSE HUNTER'S SCORECARD

Print This Out and Take It Along With You

Nothing's quite so frustrating as forgetting why you liked two or three particular homes after weeks of looking. With this scorecard, you can keep a record for yourself.

Not only does this list include most of the features you'll be needing in a home, it takes into account the importance of the surrounding community.

Maybe even more important, it allows you to set up a priority list ahead of time, a ranking order of features from the most vital to insignificant. Since most home purchases are compromises, this should help make your decision easier.

The priority list can also help a Realtor® get a better picture of what you are looking for in a house to select those houses available that best meet your requirements.

When you are visiting different homes, there's no need to feel embarrassed about pulling out this check list and making notes. After all, you have a big decision to make, and it behooves you to take every precaution.

Selecting Your Title Insurer

You'll want to protect the title to your property with title insurance from the Chicago Title and Trust Family of Companies, the foremost name in title insurance. You want to be sure that you have a good title, free and clear of any claim which might possibly affect your ownership in the future. A title insurance policy insures your rights as a homeowner. Should a claim ever arise against your title as insured, the CT&T Family will immediately arrange for legal counsel to defend your title, in court if necessary, completely at its own expense. Should the claim be valid and a loss sustained, it is paid by the CT&T Family up to the full value of the policy.

About the House:	Priority	House A	House B	House C
Asking price				
Real estate taxes				
Water bill				
Heating bill				
Electric bill				
Age of house				
One-story				
Two-story				
Wood frame				

About the House:	Priority	House A	House B	House C
Brick and wood frame				
Aluminum siding				
Overall exterior condition				
Storm windows				
Garage (note				

capacity)				
Gas heat				
Electric heat				
Hot-water heat				
Age of heating plant				
Central air cond./age				
Number of bedrooms				
Living room				
Separate dining room				
Kitchen eating area				
Number of bathrooms				
Closets				
Refrigerator				
Cooking stove				
Disposal				
Dishwasher				
Clothes washer/dryer				
Laundry space				
Adequate water heater				
Basement storage area				

About the House:	Priority	House A	House B	House C
Finished basement				
Attic storage area				
Finished attic				
Number of fireplaces				
Drapes				
Carpeting				
Modern electrical wiring				
Sump pump/drainage				
Overhead sewer system				
Backyard patio				
Fence on lot lines				
Pleasing landscaping				

About the Neighborhood:	Priority	House A	House B	House C
Streets Clean				
Neighbors' property well-maintained				

Flooding (check local government)				
Loud noises, bad odors				
Nearby train tracks				
Open drainage ditch				
All utilities installed				
Area zoned residential				
Nearby industry				
Proposed special assessments				
Garbage collection				
Street lights				
Streets and alleys well-maintained				
Heavy airplane traffic				
Newspaper stories about community or school difficulties				

The House Is Near:	House A	House B	House C
Public transportation (within walking distance)			
Thoroughfares or expressways (short driving time)			
Convenience shopping			
Schools which the children will attend (check with school officials)			

Parks			
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The House is X Minutes From:	House A	House B	House C
Work			
Downtown			
Convenience shopping			
Elementary school			
High School			
Doctors			
Relatives			
House of worship			