Successful House-Hunting Checklist

Buying a home is an emotional experience. There is something unmistakable about standing in the living room of a property and realizing that you are, in fact, home. But, this emotional reaction to a house can sometimes overwhelm our more logical and objective processes when it comes to house-hunting, which makes a successful house-hunting checklist even more important.

Take a moment and fill out the checklist below; then, whenever you visit (or even consider) a new property make sure it meets all your required criteria before you start making emotional decisions about it.

- How many bedrooms does my new home need to have to meet my or my family's needs? _____

- How many bathrooms does my new home need to have to meet my or my family's needs? _____

- What is the minimum number of square feet my new home needs to have to meet my or my family's needs?   _____

- What are the five things my new home absolutely must have to be considered an option?

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- What are the five things that would be nice to have in a new home, but aren't necessities?

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- What are the three things that would disqualify a home from consideration?

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Now that you know a little more about what your next home must or mustn't have, use this checklist whenever visiting (or considering) a new home to see if it is worth considering further.

Feature	Love It	It's OK	Hate It
Home Exterior			
Living Room			
Kitchen			
Dining Room			
Main Bedroom			
Bedroom #2			
Bedroom #3			
Bedroom #4			
Bathroom #1			
Bathroom #2			
Bathroom #3			
Utility Room			
Garage			
Storage			
Appliances			
Heating System			
Cooling System			

☐   This home satisfies all of my must-haves.

☐   This home avoids all of the things I've identified as deal-breakers.

☐   This home has the following from my "would be nice" list:

     ☐   _____
     ☐   _____
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☐   Based on my experience so far with this home, I'm ready to:

     ☐   Schedule a (another) showing
     ☐   Request more information
     ☐   Write an offer
     ☐   Consider the home as a possibility in the future
     ☐   Eliminate the home from consideration