

It's not unusual to go into the homebuying process with a priority list that needs to be whittled down once you see what's available on the market. Using a checklist like this to refine what's most important to you will help in the home search. Deal-breakers are features you can't live without. Needs represent your baseline criteria but may be negotiable. Wants are nice-to-have items that might sway you when comparing two homes.

Home Buyer's Priority List

FEATURE	NOTES	DEAL-BREAKER	NEED	WANT
Price Range				
Location				
Neighborhood Features				
Schools				
Age of Home				
Size of Home (sq. ft.)				
Style of Home				
Bedrooms				
Baths				
Lawn/Yard Space				
Garage/Parking Space				
Home Exterior				
Close to Shopping, Public Transportation				
Setting (Rural, Suburban, Urban)				
Street Traffic/Noise				
Maintenance Free				
Other Criteria:				

Practices may vary based on state and local law. Consult your real estate professional and/or an attorney for details about state law where you are purchasing a home. Please visit facts.realtor for more information and resources.

