

**Home Shopping Wish List: Use this space to brainstorm first.**

**1. What's important about our new home? (Ask each person!)**

How do you want to feel when you wake up in your new home? When you come home at the end of the day? Who will visit you in your new home and how do you want that to feel? What are the must-haves? What would like to have but is negotiable? What features are not important at all?

**2. Think about the area you will be moving to.**

What state/city do you prefer? What is important about the location? Will you need to be close to an airport, schools, hospitals? How close to you want to be to your neighbors? How much space will be needed for cars or other vehicles? Who will maintain the property? Will there be special needs to consider at some point? How long do you plan to be in this home and what might the area look like in the future?

**3. Consider the financial aspects.**

How much money can you spend on your home? What's the average price of a home in your desired area with your desired features? How about ongoing costs like yard maintenance, homeowners insurance, and property taxes? What are the average utility bills? How old is the heating/cooling system? When was the roof last repaired? Will major renovations or repairs be needed soon after the purchase?

**4. Finally, prioritize.**

Remember that it's rare that one house will meet every desired characteristic, so prioritize the top 2 or 3 things that are important to each person who will be affected by this new purchase. Then, use the chart on the next page to keep track. Keep in mind that priorities can change as new information is discovered. What will you do when members of your household disagree?

**Home Shopping Checklist**

Item to Consider	Notes for address:	Notes for address:	Notes for address:
Priority for me:			
Priority for me:			
Priority for _____:			
Priority for _____:			
Location Note:			
Location Note:			
Price			
Taxes			
Insurance			
Maintenance			
Other			