



# Finding your Dream Home

Purchasing a “Dream Home” is a life accomplishment that tops nearly everyone’s bucket list. Whether you prefer a modernized urban loft or a sprawling suburban home with a white picket fence, most of us hope to find a home that feels like it was made specifically for our family. Since you’ll likely be aiming to stay in the property for the foreseeable future, you’ll want to look for a property that will keep you and your family happy for the long-term. Don’t be afraid to be picky and hold out until you find a home that feels right. Here are some ways you’ll know when you’ve found your dream home.

## **The Features You’ve Always Wanted.**

A dream home is more about fulfilling wishes than meeting needs. Don’t be afraid to make a prioritized wish list and include all members of your family. From an open concept to green features like a tank-less water furnace, the possibilities are yours!

## **Neighborhood and Surrounding Area.**

It’s critical that you find a neighborhood that suits your needs before buying. Is your great escape one that gives you all the peace of a secluded forest or tons of energy from a bustling city? Whatever your heart desires, don’t hesitate to do your research before starting your search. Take a drive around the neighborhood and check it out before you buy.

## **The Right Amount of Space.**

Buying a home that is too small for your family will leave you continually trying to configure the space to make it work for you. Buying a property that is too large will allow you to spread out, but will wrack up large costs. Think about the space that you currently live in. How does it feel?

## **Your Ideal Home Style.**

Single home? Condo? Townhouse? Finding a style of home that fits your personality is absolutely key. Whether it’s a style of living or the aesthetic of your property, you want to make sure your home is one that you’ll love to come home to every day.

## **Costs That Make You Comfortable.**

Try not to stretch yourself to the furthest reaches of your budget. Remember that there are more costs to consider than just the monthly mortgage payment. You should also consider local taxes, monthly utility costs, and association fees when purchasing. Leave some breathing room in your budget so you can live comfortably in your dream home for many years to come!

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