

# **Checklist for Buyers**

Are you considering purchasing a home, condominium or property? Our experienced team of real estate agents offer these simple tips for each stage of the buying cycle to prepare you for a smooth and successful real estate purchase.

#### **Prior to Your Search:**

### Get Pre-qualified for a loan

	Use a local lender	
	Determine how much home you can afford	
	Research mortgage options	
	Consider loan types	
	Evaluate loan restrictions	
Prepare the documents your lender will request		
	W-2s for 2 years	
	Pay Stubs for 1-2 months	
	Proof of any supplemental income	
	Tax documents for the previous 2 years	
	Bank Statements for 2-3 months	
	Investment account statements	
	Copy of driver's license	
	History of residence for previous 2 years	
Prepare your budget		
	Create a monthly budget	
	Save for a down payment	



Establish and maintain good credit standing
Check Credit Score Report
Determine your price range
Determine the type of housing you desire
Determine your preferred location
Build a "wish list" of property features
Choose a professional Realtor® and find the perfect home for you

# Once you have found your desired property:

Research HOA Documents
Consider any use restrictions and/or zoning
Study your cost to own
Utilize CMA to measure value by looking at comparable properties
Analyze your cost to own
Research cost of Homeowner's Insurance
Manage your expectations
Remember to be flexible
Educate yourself and consider Market Conditions
Be prepared to present a strong offer to purchase "AS/IS"
Make an offer to purchase



### **Contract to Close:**

Attain loan approval in writing
Review Condo Docs & sign receipt
Select Title company (Submit contract and earnest money to title/escrow company)
Schedule Appraisal
Schedule Survey
Schedule home inspection (Negotiate for repairs and treatments)
Organize a contacts list
Consider home warranty options
Transition Utilities
Review your HUD statements/closing costs
Final Walk-through
Prepare to take possession and/or moving services
Attend closing by mail/virtually/in person
Get your keys to your new home & celebrate

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