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Home Search Must-Haves Checklist

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Buyer(s): _____ **Date:** _____

HOME-BUYING PRIORITY	MUST HAVE	NICE TO HAVE	NOT IMPORTANT
Location / community			
School district / school considerations			
Price range			
Monthly payment comfort			
Property taxes			
Property type			
Bedrooms			
Bathrooms			
Primary bedroom features			
Garage / parking			
Lot size / yard			
Pets / fencing needs			
HOA preference			
Basement			
One-level living			
Home office / flex space			
Kitchen size / layout			
Updated kitchen			
Dining / entertaining space			
Storage / closets			
Laundry location			
Move-in-ready condition			
Age / condition of major systems			
Low-maintenance exterior			
Outdoor living space / patio / deck			
Privacy from neighboring properties			
Accessibility / future mobility needs			

Additional Must-Haves

Add any important must-haves that are not included in the table above.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Reality Check Before You Tour

- ■ My price range is based on a monthly payment I'm comfortable carrying - not simply the maximum I may qualify for.
- ■ I understand that the right home may not check every box.
- ■ I know the difference between features I can reasonably change later and characteristics I cannot.
- ■ I will compare each property to my priorities instead of allowing the last home I toured to reset my expectations.

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