

House Tour Checklist

Make a list. Check it twice.

Touring homes is exciting, exhausting and – after enough of them – often confusing. By the end of the day, your memory may become fuzzy so you won't be able to remember if the house with the fabulous kitchen had three bedrooms or four, or which house had the spot for the garden you've always dreamed of.

And while you're looking at the features you want in a new home, be sure to step back and consider the bigger picture – the permanent attributes – of the house. Remember that while you can change superficial elements like wallpaper, paint color and window treatments, you shouldn't discount them completely. Keep in mind that even minor remodeling can cost both time and money. Conversely, don't let outward appearances alone keep you from a house that would otherwise be a perfect fit.

If you've taken good notes, your Eliason Realty Home Tour Checklists will be a great tool moving forward in the home-buying process. Keep them handy, refer to them often and be sure to share them with your Eliason Realty agent so s/he can continually refine the types of homes s/he's researching for you.

The Home

Square footage	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Number of bedrooms	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Number of baths	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Practicality of floor plan	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Condition of interior walls	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Closet/storage space	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Basement	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Fireplace	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Cable TV	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Basement: dampness/odors	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Exterior appearance/condition	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Lawn/yard space	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Fence	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Patio/deck	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Garage	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Energy efficiency	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Screens/storm windows	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Roof: age, condition	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Gutters/downspouts	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor

The Neighborhood

Nearby homes/businesses	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Traffic	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Noise level	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Safety/security	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Age mix of inhabitants	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Number of children	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Pet restrictions	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Parking	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Zoning regulations	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Neighborhood restrictions/covenants	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Fire protection	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Police	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Snow removal	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Garbage service	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor

Schools

Age/condition	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Reputation	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Quality of teachers	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Achievement test scores	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor

Play areas	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Curriculum	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Class size	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Busing distance	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor

Convenience to...

Supermarket	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Schools	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Work	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Shopping	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Child care	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Hospitals	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Doctor/dentist	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Recreation/parks	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Church/synagogue	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Airport	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Highways	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
Public Transportation	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor

Other attributes important to me...

_____	___ Good	___ Average	___ Poor
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