

Handy real estate mobile applications

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—Today it's easy for home buyers to find a wealth of useful information for their home search right from their mobile devices. Here's a sampling of some handy real estate applications available for the iPhone, Droid, BlackBerry, and iPad.

For all mobile devices

Search on the Run applications allow you to access the entire inventory of homes for sale in the MLS by town, zip code, or address. You can also find the homes for sale closest to your current location via GPS.

Google Map applications provide voice-guided driving directions, nearby places, 3D maps, a built-in compass, and more.

iPhone and iPad applications

Around me allows you to search your surroundings for area amenities, including restaurants, shops, and more.

iCrimeAware shows crime statistics based on location.

iLiving allows you to take a picture of a room and add furniture to visualize the space.

iMortgage Calculator estimates your

debt-to-income ratio and monthly loan payments, including homeowner's insurance, property taxes, and private mortgage insurance.

Real Estate Hunter stores information and photos so you can compare properties of interest as you continue your house hunt.

Droid applications

Evernote allows you to create text notes, snap photos, record audio, and attach files to help keep track of properties of interest.

Neighborhood Envoy Mobile provides local information, including schools, demographics, employment, housing, climate, and local points of interest, for any neighborhood.

Offender identifies whether there are registered sex offenders in the area.

Qualify: Real Estate provides a custom rating system to help you rate and compare properties of interest based on criteria such as distance from work, schools, etc.

Sherpa identifies restaurants, stores, and attractions based on your current location.

BlackBerry applications

Mortgage Calculator Pro provides a full amortization schedule, interest calculator,

mortgage refinancing data, mortgage comparison calculator, affordability calculator, tax, insurance, and more.

Photos Nearby allows you to find photos of landmarks, scenic places, and more to get to know a new area.

Qype provides recommendations for nearby bars, restaurants, hotels, entertainment, shops, sports activities, services, and more.

Real Estate Calculator helps investors determine cash flow and other factors for investment properties.

Sitewise creates a demographic report, including data such as population by age, educational attainment, household income, number of children in households, employment, and more.

Have a real estate question? Write to our real estate blogger Leslie Mann at realestatequeries@yahoo.com. She'd be glad to answer your questions here.

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