

Open House Checklist



You're ready to buy a new home and have identified open houses you want to check out. Open houses are fairly busy, so it's important to go in with a plan. Before and during the open house, here are some things to remember.

- Make a list of what's important to you in a home. What does a home need to have to meet your needs? Take this list to the open house!
- Get a feel for the neighborhood - try visiting it on different days and times of the day.
- Learn more about the seller.
- Take a look at the lot size.
- Ask about the inspection reports and disclosures. When was the last time key items like the roof and foundation were inspected?



- Check out the conditions of the various rooms.
- Ask about what will remain in the home versus what the seller will take with them.
- If you are looking at a property with an HOA (Home Owner's Association), ask the seller and/or members of the HOA about monthly dues and other aspects of the HOA's finances.
- Check for stains on walls or ceilings, indicating water damage.
- Check for any signs of mold, termites, or ants.

Your real estate agent will guide you through this process and will also be able to keep an eye out for these items. Make sure your agent has all the information they need to help you!