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The House Hunter's Scorecard

Nothing is quite as frustrating as forgetting why you liked two or three particular homes after weeks of looking. With this scorecard, you can keep a record for yourself.

Not only does this list include most of the features you'll probably want in a home, it takes into account the importance of the surrounding community. Maybe even more important, it allows you to set up a priority list ahead of time, with the ability to rank order features from the most vital to the insignificant.

The priority list can also help your real estate professional develop a better picture of what you are looking for in a house, to select those houses available that best meet your requirements.

When you are visiting different homes, there's no need to feel embarrassed about pulling out this check list and making notes. After all, you have a big decision to make, and it is prudent for you to take every precaution.

Selecting Your Title Insurer

You'll want to protect the title to your property with title insurance from Chicago Title, the foremost name in title insurance. You want to be sure that you have a good title, free and clear of any claim which might possibly affect your ownership in the future. A title insurance policy insures your rights as a homeowner. Should a claim ever arise against your title as insured, Chicago Title will immediately arrange for legal counsel to defend your title, in court if necessary, completely at its own expense. Should the claim be valid and a loss sustained, it is paid by Chicago Title up to the full value of the policy.

About the House	Priority	House A	House B	House C
Asking Price				
Real Estate Taxes				
Water Bill				
Heating Bill				
Electric Bill				
Age of House				
One - Story				
Two - Story				
Wood Frame				



About the House	Priority	House A	House B	House C
Brick & Wood Frame				
Aluminum Siding				
Overall Exterior Condition				
Storm Windows				
Garage <i>(note capacity)</i>				
Gas Heat				
Electric Heat				
Hot-Water Heat				
Age of Heating Plant				
Central Air / Heat				
# of Bedrooms				
Living Room				
Separate Dining Room				
Kitchen Eating Area				
# of Bathrooms				
Closets				
Refrigerator				
Cooking Stove				
Disposal				
Dishwasher				
Clothes Washer / Dryer				
Laundry Space				
Adequate Water Heater				



About the House	Priority	House A	House B	House C
Basement Storage				
Finished Basement				
Attic Storage				
Finished Attic				
# of Fireplaces				
Drapes				
Carpeting				
Modern Electrical Wiring				
Sump Pump / Drainage				
Overhead Sewer System				
Backyard Patio				
Fence on Lot Lines				
Pleasing Landscaping				



About the Neighborhood	Priority	House A	House B	House C
Streets Clean				
Neighbors' Property Well Maintained				
Flooding <i>(check local government)</i>				
Loud Noises, Bad Odors				
Nearby Train Tracks				
Open Drainage Ditch				
All Utilities Installed				
Area Zoned Residential				
Nearby Industry				
Proposed Special Assessments				
Garbage Collection				
Street Lights				
Streets & Alleys Well Maintained				
Heavy Airplane Traffic				
Newspaper Stories About Community or School Difficulties				



The House Is Near	House A	House B	House C
Public Transportation (within walking distance)			
Thoroughfares or Expressways (<i>short driving time</i>)			
Convenience Shopping			
Schools Which the Children Will Attend (<i>check with school officials</i>)			
Parks			

Time (<i>in minutes</i>) From House	House A	House B	House C
Work			
Downtown			
Convenience Shopping			
Elementary School			
High School			
Doctors			
Relatives			
House of Worship			