Home Buying Checklist

TARGET CLOSING DATE _____

PRICE RANGE _____

GET READY

- [ ] Check your credit score
- [ ] Get pre-approved for a mortgage
- [ ] Save for down payment and closing costs
- [ ] Set a monthly payment you are comfortable with
- [ ]
- [ ]

HOUSE HUNTING

- [ ] Choose a real estate agent
- [ ] List must-haves and nice-to-haves
- [ ] Tour homes
- [ ] Take notes and photos at each showing
- [ ] Visit the neighborhood at different times of day
- [ ]
- [ ]

OFFER TO CLOSING

- [ ] Make an offer
- [ ] Home inspection
- [ ] Appraisal
- [ ] Lock your interest rate
- [ ] Get homeowners insurance
- [ ] Review closing documents ahead of time
- [ ]
- [ ]

CLOSING WEEK

- [ ] Final walk-through
- [ ] Confirm the amount and payment method for closing
- [ ] Closing day: bring ID and payment
- [ ] Get the keys
- [ ]
- [ ]

AFTER CLOSING

- [ ] Set up utilities
- [ ] Change your address with USPS
- [ ] Change the locks
- [ ] Store closing papers in a safe place
- [ ]
- [ ]

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