

THE HOME Buying PROCESS



Select an Agent

- √ Review recommendations and local agents
- √ Interview and select your agent
- Review and sign any upfront paperwork
- √ Get references for lenders if getting a loan
- √ Begin review of financing options

Prequalification

- √ Interview different lenders, ask about closing costs, interest rates, etc.
- √ Figure out how much you can afford
- √ Determine which loan package is right for you
- √ Select a lender
- $\sqrt{}$ Fill out the application and provide documentation
- √ Get pre-approval letter confirming loan details

Home Search

- √ Identify your home needs and wants with your agent
- √ Review optional areas based on needs and price range.
- √ Set plan with your agent for new listing updates
- √ Preview homes and explore neighborhoods
- $\sqrt{}$ See homes and refine the best options

Purchase Offer

- √ Identify a home you want to purchase
- √ Provide an earnest money check with the amount your agent suggests
- √ Provide a pre-approval letter from your lender with the amount of your offer
- √ Discuss offer options, strategy, competition and details (price, financing, inspections, closing, etc.)
- $\sqrt{}$ Complete the offer and sign as indicated
- √ Agent to submit the offer, any disclosures and preapproval letter to the seller's representative
- √ Negotiations until an accepted offer OR go back to previous step
- √ If accepted, agent to send the contract to your lender

Inspections

- √ Agent gives recommendations for home inspectors
- √ Call around to compare pricing and availability and check out reviews
- √ Choose an inspector, schedule the appointment and discuss with inspector a time to meet them at the home
- √ Agent to inform seller's representative
- √ Get inspection report back and review it along with seller disclosure(s)
- √ Determine next steps with your agent based on your contract terms

Secure Financing

- √ Provide additional documentation requested by lender
- √ Appraisal ordered and performed
- √ Review appraisal results
- √ Provide any follow up requests from the lender until final documents received

Final Steps

- √ Continue to review all required contractual and legal obligations
- √ Review timeline and contingencies (conditions) of the contract
- √ Secure Homeowner's Insurance Policy and Flood Insurance if applicable
- √ Get set closing date and time
- Call utility companies to switch of utilities on date of closing
- Review Settlement Statement from lender/title company
- √ Prepare to get a Cashier's Check from your bank for down payment and closing costs.
- √ Final walk through of the property 24-48 hours prior to closing

Closing

- √ Review and sign all final paperwork
- √ Receive closing information
- √ Get keys
- √ Move in!

