

Quick Tips

Ideas for a Creative Lifestyle



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House-Hunting Tips

It's never too early to start house hunting. Planning ahead can help you determine what features you want in a house and what is realistic for your budget. Use these tips to get started on looking for the house of your dreams.

Check your credit score. At the start of your homebuying journey, learn what your credit score is. This can help you determine what kind of loan fits your financial background. It also gives you a chance to potentially improve your credit score before looking for houses.

Determine your budget. It's important to have realistic expectations when looking for a house. The first step is figuring out what your budget is. Consider how much you can spend on a down payment and monthly mortgage payments. Think about your current income, regular expenses, and outstanding debts. Factor your monthly spending budget into your homebuying decision.

Identify your wants versus your needs. What you want in a house can be quite different than what you need. Before searching for houses, create a must-have list of features you can't go without. For example, if you have a large family, you may need a specific number of bedrooms and bathrooms. You may really want a pool area and hot tub, but you can also live without these things.

Choose your ideal location. There are many factors that you should consider when choosing where you want to live next. Along with considering your commute time to work and where your children would attend school, you should also think about what kind of shops and activities are in the area. Also, consider how expensive an area is to live in. For example, it can be more expensive to live in a city versus the suburbs.

Make your homebuying process as smooth as possible by planning ahead. Following these tips can lead to happier house hunting!

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