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THE  
*buyer's*  
PREP LIST

5 Items to Check Off Before  
You Start Your Home Hunt

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# THE PREP LIST

## BUYER'S EDITION

# Have You Ever Gone Camping?

I bet you have and I bet all you campers out there had one thing in common - you had a packing list. You did your research and grabbed all the gear you needed before hitting the trail. You need to do the same for your great home buying adventure! Below are five key “to-do’s” you should check off before setting out on your home search.



## GET PRE-APPROVED

Before you hit Zillow and start firing off emails with links to your favorite houses make an appointment to see a loan officer. Your loan officer is able to help determine what price point you should be searching in dependent on what you'd like your monthly payment to be, what other expenses you have, and the type of loan you'll be getting.

Not sure where to go for a mortgage? [Find a list of mortgage resources here.](#)



## DETERMINE YOUR SEARCH AREA

Richmond and its surrounding counties makes for a large search area. Determining if you're a city dweller, West End girl, South of the River guy, or somewhere between will help you and your REALTOR® find a home faster. Things to consider when narrowing down your area is your lifestyle, where you see yourself in the next five years, and your current home partners, like your sweet dog. [Get more tips!](#)



## NAIL DOWN YOUR MUST-HAVES

*Must-haves* and *wish lists items* are different. Your must-haves are what you cannot live without and while some things may feel like must-haves they might be wish list items. Remember the more must-haves you put on your list the smaller the pool of houses you have to choose from.



## LEARN THESE CONTRACT TERMS

There are **five contract terms you should know** before you start house hunting. Knowing these will help you when you're ready to put your first offer on a house.

Earnest Money

Closing Date

Home Warranty

Contingency

Closing Costs



## SELECT YOUR AGENT

This is the person you'll be spending weeknights and Saturdays with until you close on your dream home. Make sure you like them! Of course I'd love to guide you through your buying process, but if you feel like you might get along better with another agent let me know! I have plenty of partners you might click with.

*Let's Connect*

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