

Neighborhood Checklist

The “Neighborhood Checklist” below will help you compare the communities you may be considering. Make copies of the checklist to use throughout the house-hunting process. Use it to rate the strengths and weaknesses of neighborhoods you look at. For example, if the schools have a reputation for excellence, you might circle the number 4 for “schools.” If the neighborhood has no stores at all, and the nearest store is two bus rides away, you might circle 1 for “near grocery and other stores.” The checklist is a guide to help you decide what is important to you. Keep in mind that even if schools are not important to you because you have no children, they may be important to the value of your home when you want to sell it.

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1=Weakest 5=Strongest

COMMUNITY SERVICE					
Schools	1	2	3	4	5
Child Care	1	2	3	4	5
Parks/recreational facilities	1	2	3	4	4
Religious institutions	1	2	3	4	5
Hospitals	1	2	3	4	5
Entertainment	1	2	3	4	5
Police station	1	2	3	4	5
Fire station	1	2	3	4	5
CONVENIENCE					
Close to job	1	2	3	4	5
Near grocery and other stores	1	2	3	4	5
Near public transportation	1	2	3	4	5
Easy access to highway	1	2	3	4	5
NEIGHBORS					
Near relatives or friends	1	2	3	4	5
Children	1	2	3	4	5
Active community groups	1	2	3	4	5
OTHER					
Write in things that are important to you					
	1	2	3	4	5