

What do I want in a home?

Knowing what you want can help save you time and make it easier for the agent to show you suitable homes.

What do I want in a home?	✓ Very important	✓ Would be nice	✓ Not important	Comments
Inside my home				
How many bedrooms do you need?				
How many bathrooms do you want?				
Do you want formal and informal living areas?				
Do you want a separate dining room?				
Would you like open plan family areas?				
Do you like the living to flow to the outdoors?				
Would you like a fireplace?				
Do you want a separate toilet?				
Is a separate shower essential?				
Would you like a bath?				
Do you want an ensuite bathroom?				
Do you want a study or office?				
Do you need extra space/storage for hobbies?				
Do you want a modern kitchen?				
Is gas heating or cooking important to you?				
Would you like central heating?				
Do you want a security system?				
Outside my home				
Is a view important to you?				
Do you want all day sun? (is morning or afternoon sun better?)				
How important is shelter from the wind?				
Do you want a private, quiet or secluded home?				
How important is outdoor living space?				
Do you want an established garden?				
Do you want a large or flat section?				
Do you want to be able to drive on to your place?				
Do you need a garage/carport – how many cars?				
Do you want off-street or nearby parking for visitors?				
Would you like a swimming pool?				
Do you need the property to be fenced?				
Other things				
Where do I want to live?				
What style of home do you like?				
Do you want a low maintenance property?				
Are you prepared to renovate?				
Do you want the home to have potential to extend?				
How close to work do you want to be?				
Is public transport important to you?				
Do you want to live near shops and restaurants?				
Do you need to be near schools?				
What sport or leisure venues do you want nearby?				
How close do you want to be to friends and family?				
Anything else?				

Try to think ahead for the next five to ten years about what you might need and the lifestyle you want. Remember you may have to compromise on some of the things you want – so try to visit as many homes as you can to get a good feel for what you can buy for your money. There's a scorecard at the back of this guide you can use to compare different homes you look at.