



Homebuying Final Walk-Through Checklist

What you see during the final walk-through is what you're getting—that's why it's so important to take your time and pay attention to detail. **We've compiled a handy list of some of the most important things you won't want to overlook.**

- Requested Repairs have been made.** This is your chance to make sure anything you asked the seller to fix, got fixed. Be sure to bring a copy of the home inspector's report and obtain copies of paid bills and any related warranties. You'll also want to look for any new damage that may have happened while the sellers were moving out.
- Items included in sale price are still there.** If you negotiated the price to include appliances and lighting fixtures, make sure they are still in the home.
- Screens and storm windows are in place.** They may also be in storage if the seller wasn't using them.
- All appliances are working.** Since the house is nearly yours, don't be afraid to turn everything on. Make sure the dishwasher can complete a full cycle, check all the burners, test the washer and dryer, refrigerator and the garbage disposal.
- Intercom, doorbell and alarm all work.** Try a full run-through as though you were leaving for work and then coming home.
- Hot water heater is working.** See how long it takes to get hot water in each faucet of the house. While you're at it, check the water pressure, make sure the toilets flush properly and confirm that all the drains are working.
- HVAC is working.** No matter what time of year you're purchasing your home in, don't forget to test the air conditioner, along with the heater and the thermostat.
- Garbage door opener and other remotes are available.** It would be a real drag to show up to your brand-new house and not be able to open the garage. Some things such as electric fireplaces and thermostats may also have remotes the seller accidentally packed up and took away.
- Instruction manuals and warranties on appliances are there.** These may come in handy as you learn how to use everything in your new home. Not all warranties transfer to a new homeowner but if they do, it could end up saving you a lot of money.
- All personal items and debris from the seller have been removed.** Unless it's something you agreed they should leave, make sure it is out of the home.