

RELOCATION TIPS

You've selected the practice that seems right for you and your family, and relocation time is quickly approaching; therefore, you must now turn your thoughts to the awesome task of finding a suitable home. The first undertaking, of course, is to locate a reputable realtor, and your most likely source for finding one is probably going to be through the group that you are joining. Next, you will need to describe to your realtor, in detail, those features that are important to you, so that he/she can be prepared to show you those properties that are most likely to meet your expectations when you make your house-hunting trip.

Upon arrival, there will be an endless amount of detail to retain as you view numerous homes within a very limited timeframe. The chart on the reverse side is designed to help you maintain all such detail, easing much of the anxiety associated with this exhaustive endeavor. Look it over carefully before you set out on your trip. Take several copies with you, so that you will have sufficient supply for the number of homes that you will view. You might even want to take pictures of the homes, mark them appropriately, and attach them to your chart for future reference. If you find that features you consider important are not listed, simply add them to the chart. By the time you return home, after viewing numerous properties, this information will be invaluable. This simple record keeping method will help keep the detail of each structure clear in your mind, enabling you to converse confidently and accurately with your realtor.

Good luck and happy house hunting!

Use our Home Comparison Chart on the next page to help narrow your search.



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Home Comparison Chart

ABOUT THE HOUSE

ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD

| | HOUSE | | | |
|--------------------|----------|----------|-------|--|
| | Α | В | С | |
| Asking Price | | | | |
| Real Estate Taxes | | | | |
| Water Bill | | | | |
| Gas Bill | 7 50 | | | |
| Electric Bill | 1 | | | |
| Age of House | Li Physi | - 111111 | 11/1 | |
| One Story | □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| Two Story | □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| Wood Frame | □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| Brick/Wood Frame | □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| Aluminum Siding | oY oN | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| Exterior Condition | 1111 | | 1111 | |
| Storm Windows | □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| Garage Capacity | | | | |
| Gas Heat | | | | |
| Electric Heat | □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| How Water Heated | □Y □N | OY ON | □Y □N | |
| Age-Heating Plant | | | | |
| Age-Central Air | | | | |
| Number Bedrooms | | | | |
| Number of Closets | | | | |
| Refrigerator | □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| Cooking Stove | □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| Disposal | □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| Dishwasher | □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| Washer/Dryer | N□ Y□ | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| Laundry Space | □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| Adequate Water Htr | □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| Attic Storage Area | □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| Finished Attic | oY oN | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| Number Fireplaces | - 1 | | 2 | |
| Drapes | | | | |
| Carpeting | □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| Modern Elec Wiring | □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| Sump Pump/Drain | □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| O/H Sewer System | □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| Backyard Patio | □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| Deck | □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| Fence on Lot Lines | □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| Pleasing Landscape | □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | |
| | | | | |

| <u>, </u> | HOUSE | 1812 | 29 |
|--|-------|-------|--------------------------|
| Α | В | С | |
| □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | Streets clean/maintained |
| □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | Neighborhood Prop Maint |
| □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | Flooding |
| □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | Loud Noise/Bad Odors |
| □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | Nearby Railroad Tracks |
| □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | Open Drainage Ditch |
| □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | All Utilities Installed |
| □Y □N | □Y □N | oY oN | Area Zoned Residential |
| □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | Nearby Industry |
| □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | Proposed Spec Assess |
| □Y □N | □Y □N | oY oN | Garbage/Trash Collection |
| □Y □N | □Y □N | □Y □N | Street Lights |

The House is Near: В С Α □Y □N □Y □N oY oN Public Transportation OY ON OY ON □Y □N Expressways $\Box Y$ $\square N$ OY ON Convenience Stores □Y □N $\square N$ OY ON Children's Schools $\Box Y$ □Y □N □Y □N

The House is XX Minutes from:

| Α | В | C |
|---|---|----------------------|
| | | Work |
| | | Downtown |
| | | Convenience Shopping |
| | | Elementary School |
| | | High School |
| | | Doctors |
| | | Relatives |
| | | Place of Worship |

Address

| House A | |
|---------|--|
| House B | |
| House C | |