

ADVICE FROM HOME OWNERS

1. Choose a good location
2. Make sure the house has enough closet and storage space
3. Avoid purchasing a house with windows and doors on the North side of the house
4. Get a house that will grow with your family's needs
5. Make sure the house is well constructed
6. Consult people whose opinions you trust before purchasing a house
7. Buy a house decorated in neutral colors
8. Make sure the price is within your budget
9. Don't expect to furnish a house all at once. It takes time and is expensive.
10. Look for a neighborhood and schools with which you are comfortable.
11. If building, check references on the contractor you want to use.
12. Be practical.
13. Make sure all contracts are legal—use an attorney.
14. Write down your needs before you buy. Prioritize them and look for something to meet your needs.
15. Remember that housing costs more than just a house payment-- insurance, upkeep, taxes, etc.
16. Don't buy under pressure. Make sure you feel comfortable about the decision.