

## What Are My Housing Preferences?

Not everyone would choose to live in a mansion, even if they had the money. Think about all the members of your household — will your children need separate rooms soon? Are you tired of making your in-laws sleep on the sofa when they visit? Have you always wanted a separate dining room or detached garage? Use the following questions to brainstorm your housing preferences.



**What type of home would best suit my family (single-family home, condominium, apartment, duplex, etc.)?**

**How many bedrooms and bathrooms do we need (guest rooms, master bath, half bath)?**

**What other types of living areas do we need (formal dining room, playroom, finished basement, office)?**

**What types of storage do we need (garage, storage shed, attic, basement)?**

**What type of outdoor spaces do we need (porch, covered patio, yard)?**

**What other features do we need (laundry hook-ups, mud room, artist studio, mother-in-law apartment, mechanic garage)?**

What features does my family need in our next neighborhood? (Put an 'x' in the appropriate column)			
<i>How important is it to be close to...</i>	<i>Very Important</i>	<i>Somewhat Important</i>	<i>Not at all Important</i>
Schools			
Work			
Public transportation			
Highways and major streets			
Parks / playgrounds / nature trails			
Recreation centers / gym			
Movie theaters / entertainment			
Restaurants / coffee shops			
Grocery store			
Banking services			
Family and friends			
Hospitals and other medical facilities			

## My Housing Guidelines

Use these sentence-starters to help you think about things you want to maintain from your current living situation, improve on or change:

Examples:

*In my current housing situation, I like that there are two bedrooms, and I want my new place to have that as well.*

*In my current housing situation, I like that I am downtown, and I want my new place to have that as well.*

In my current housing situation, I like ...

Example:

*Something I would like to improve from my current living situation is to have the ability to take public transportation instead of needing to drive every day.*

Something I would like to improve from my current living situation is ...

Example:

*One thing I would change from my current housing situation is to have a yard so I can get a dog.*

One thing I would change from my current housing situation is ...

## Additional Housing Considerations

There is a lot to think about when considering a move to a new rental property or buying a home. Ask yourself how important these other considerations are in your next housing situation. (Put an 'x' in the appropriate column)

	<i>Absolutely!</i>	<i>Depends on the CC&amp;Rs*</i>	<i>No way! My home is my castle.</i>
Do I want to live in a community with a homeowners association (HOA)?			
	<i>Very private</i>	<i>Somewhat private</i>	<i>Who needs privacy?</i>
How private do I want my next home to be?			
	<i>I can do it all!</i>	<i>I can manage some things.</i>	<i>I want someone else to be responsible.</i>
How much maintenance and repair work do I want to be responsible for?			

\*Covenants, conditions and restrictions typically determined and enforced by a homeowners association