

Buyer's Timeline

As your Realtor, we're here to guide you through the home buying process and to share our expertise with you. Below, we've outlined the steps of the typical real estate transaction from the perspective of the buyer. Use this timeline and the tips provided to help ensure a smooth transaction.

Step 1 • Find a Realtor

Step 2 • Download our buyer's checklist

Step 3 • Get preapproved for a mortgage

Step 4 • Find your dream home!

Step 5 • Make an offer

Step 6 • Negotiate the deal

Step 7 • Congratulations! Your offer's been accepted

Step 8 • Review next steps email, transaction timeline and new home buyer's checklist for information regarding spending and finances during the home buying process

Step 9 • Deposit earnest money

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Step 10 • Complete the loan application process and submit all documents required from the lender

Step 11 • Call your insurance company, get a quote for the property and request the lost history report for the property.

Step 12 • Schedule a home inspection / Attend the home inspection

Step 13 • Read the inspection report and request repairs

Step 14 • Negotiate inspection repair requests

Step 15 • Yay! You've made it through the inspection process

Step 16 • Your lender will schedule the appraisal

Step 17 • Finalize your homeowner's insurance

Step 18 • Decide on a home warranty? If not included in the purchase contract

Step 19 • Start packing!

Step 20 • Finalize mortgage requirements

Step 21 • Get your down payment ready

Step 22 • You've been cleared to close!

Step 23 • Schedule your closing date

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Step 24 • Hook up utilities

Step 25 • Attend the walk through

Step 26 • Wire transfer your down payment

Step 27 • Attend closing!

Step 28 • Wrapping things up

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