

NEW-HOME BUYING CHECKLIST

We know buying a home can be both an exciting, yet often stressful, process—there's a lot to think about as you get started! So, here are a few things to consider as you launch into your home buying journey.

STEP 1: GETTING STARTED

- Make Your Wish List**
What are the things you love about your current home? What have you always wanted to change? If you're in the market for your first home, what are your must-haves? Think about how many rooms you'd like, large gathering spaces you'd enjoy, or the size of your kitchen. Include [a little flex space](#) to make your own home office or game room, and consider special areas for your [furry friends!](#)
- Get Your Finances in Order**
What's your budget? What are you pre-qualified for? How do you get pre-qualified? There is [a list of financial considerations](#) you may not be thinking of when buying a new home.
- Consider Teaming up with a Real Estate Professional**
Buying a new home is more than just doing an online search – it's about knowing an area and understanding the process. Real estate professionals can offer organized, professional guidance that ultimately means less stress for you. Here is [a list of Waterset's top-selling professionals](#), ready to help!
- Determine When You Need to Move**
Whether you want to choose a specific lot and build your new home from the ground up, or need a new home that's ready to move into quickly – you have options. Check out Waterset's [quick move-in homes](#).

STEP 2: DO YOUR RESEARCH

- Consider New vs. Resale**
New homes today offer the latest energy-efficiency and technology options available. And being in Florida, having a home built to the most current hurricane standards is important. There are so many reasons to [consider buying new](#).
- Check Out Home Options Online**
Search homebuilders, floor plans and options online to get a feel for what is available. Waterset's [Homefinder](#) is the perfect tool to help your search.
- Consider the HOA/CDD**
It's important to understand the benefits of living in a CDD and HOA community, and what these fees include. Not all community HOA/CDDs are created equal – but in Waterset, you get a whole lot of amenities and more! [Learn more about it here](#).

STEP 3: NOW THE FUN PART: EXPLORE IN PERSON

- Scope Out Locations**
Consider conveniences you can't live without. (Think: access to major highways and nearby shopping, dining, and entertainment, etc.) Waterset's [convenient location](#) makes it the perfect spot to be in Apollo Beach, Florida.
- Check Out the Amenities**
Whether you have an active lifestyle or just want to kick back and relax, amenities make communities more social and more convenient. Resort-style pools, a rockin' clubhouse, on-site café, sports courts, fitness centers, and walking trails...the list goes on. There are a [plethora of amenities](#) that Waterset offers. Or better yet, [be our guest](#) for the day and experience everything firsthand!

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